## コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能の抗体を持った子供。
❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助を任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity
[2] Name of a special force unit which is composed with these children. It belongs to Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Third Division. They are assigned to life-saving missions in Tokyo, the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.

AOI

IBARA

TAEKO

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ヤンマガKC
コッペリオン1
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時は西暦2036年。
東京は原発事故による放射能汚染で封鎖されていた。
そんな死都・東京に3人の女子高生が送りこまれた。
彼女たちの名は【COPPELION―コッペリオン―】。
遺伝子操作によって生まれつき放射能の抗体を持つ、
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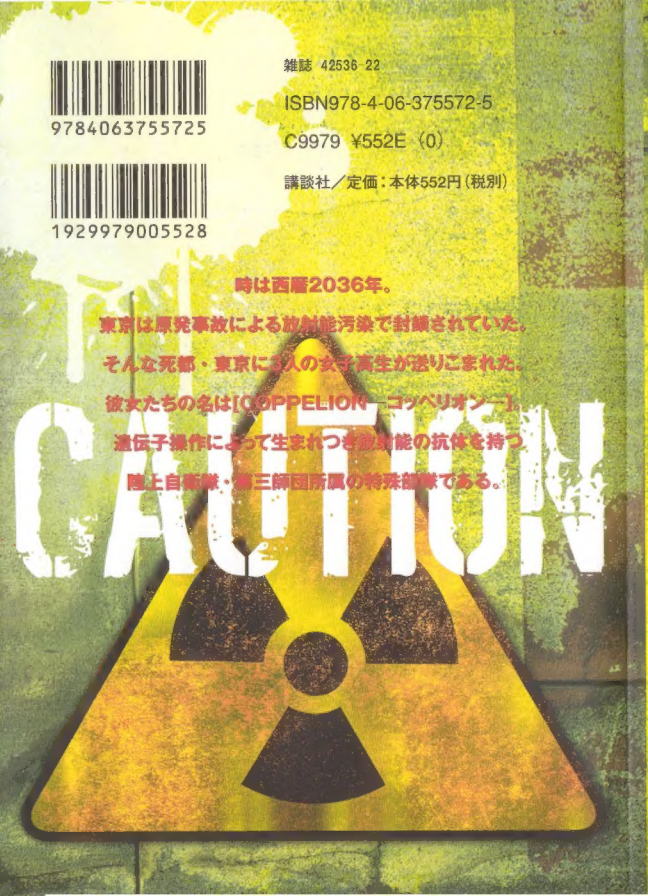

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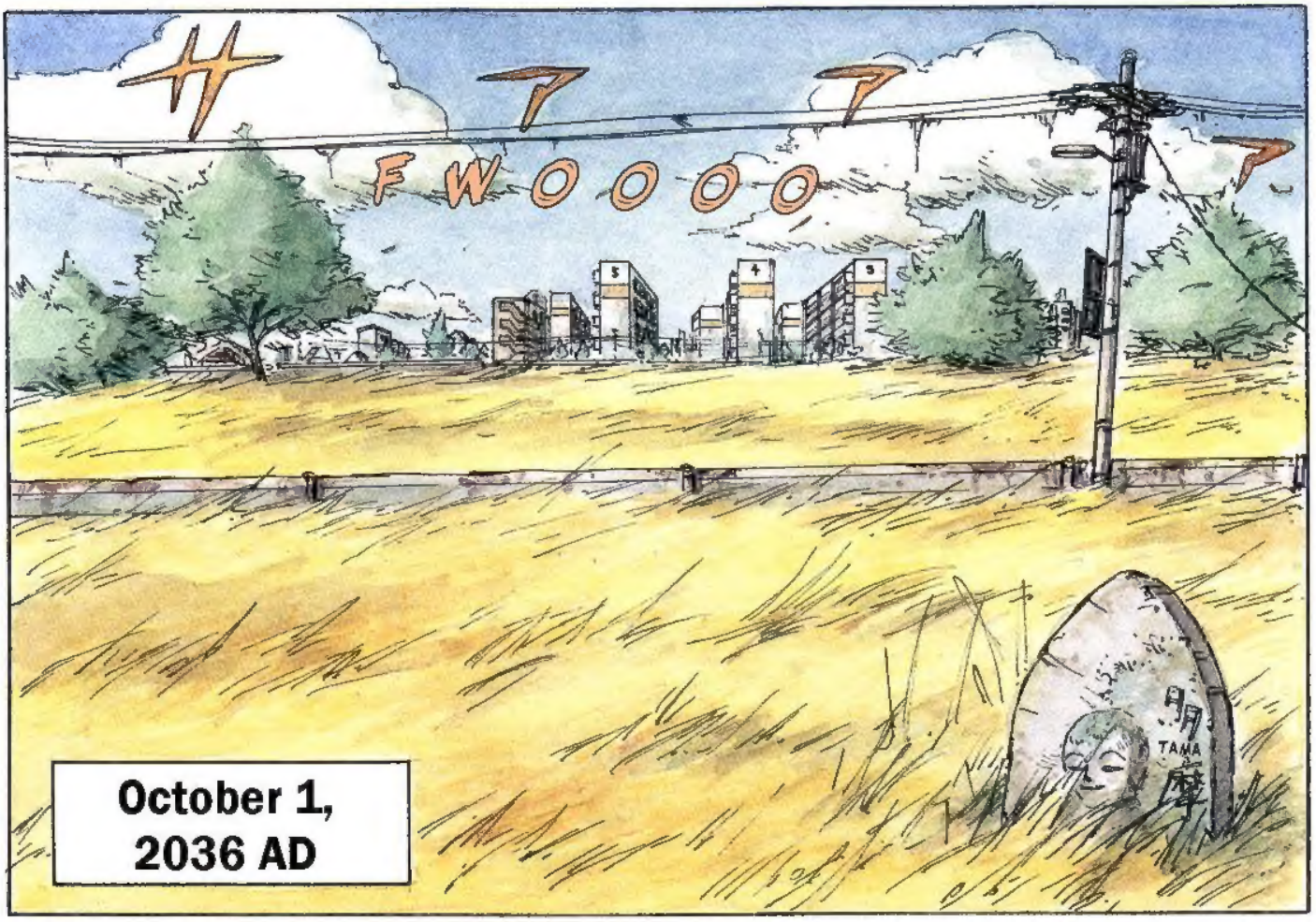
あらかじめ御了承ください。


FWOOOO
TAMA
October 1,
2036 AD

RIBBIT
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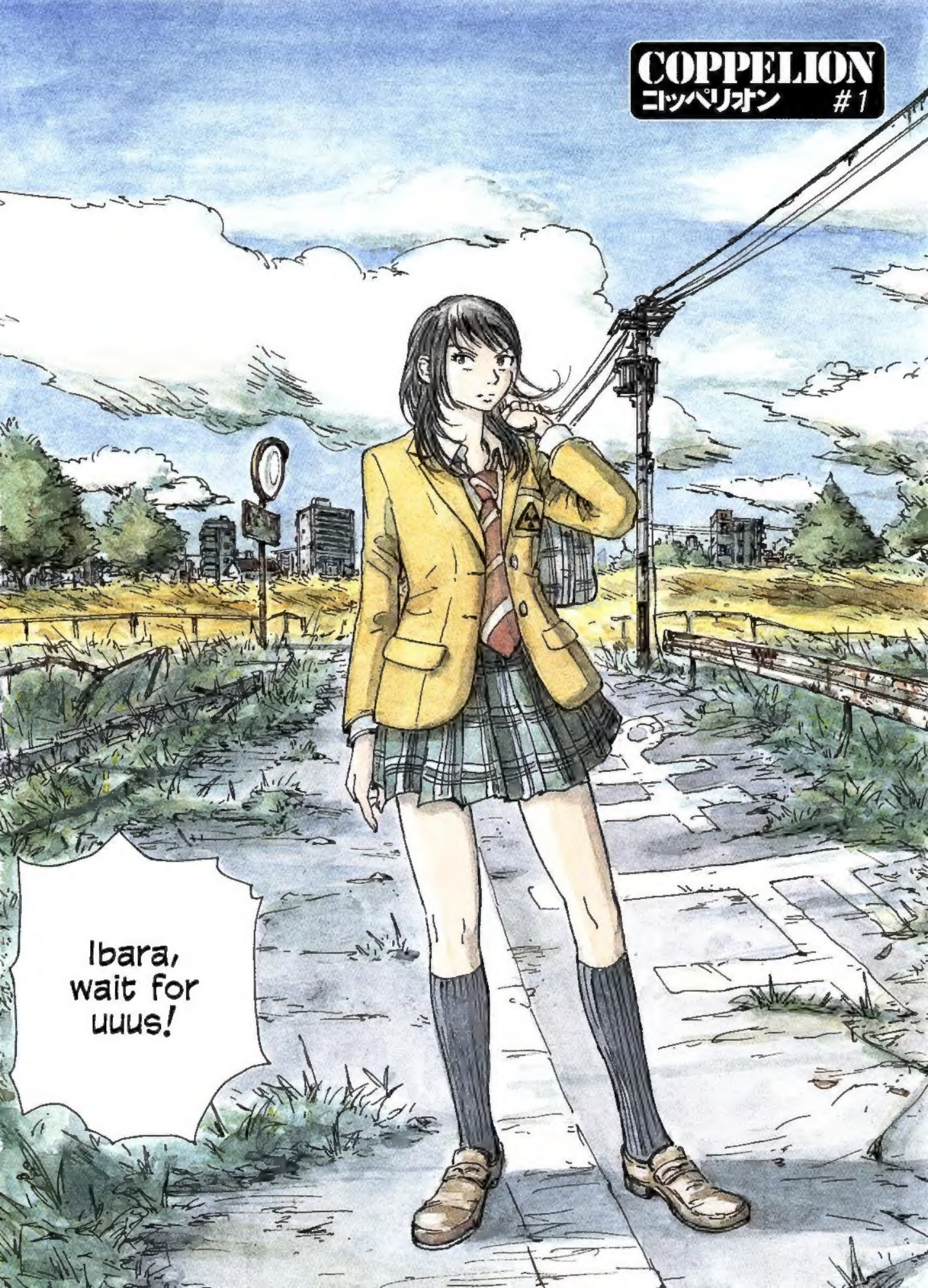
Ibara!


COPPELION
コッペリオン #1
Ibara, wait for uuus!

TMP
TMP
TMP
Hff...
Hah!
You're walking... too... fast!
I can't go even one more step...!
Me an' Taeko just can't keep up with you!
Y'all are just too slow. Sheesh.
THUMP
But...
I'm with... Aoi...
Hey, y'see that?
?

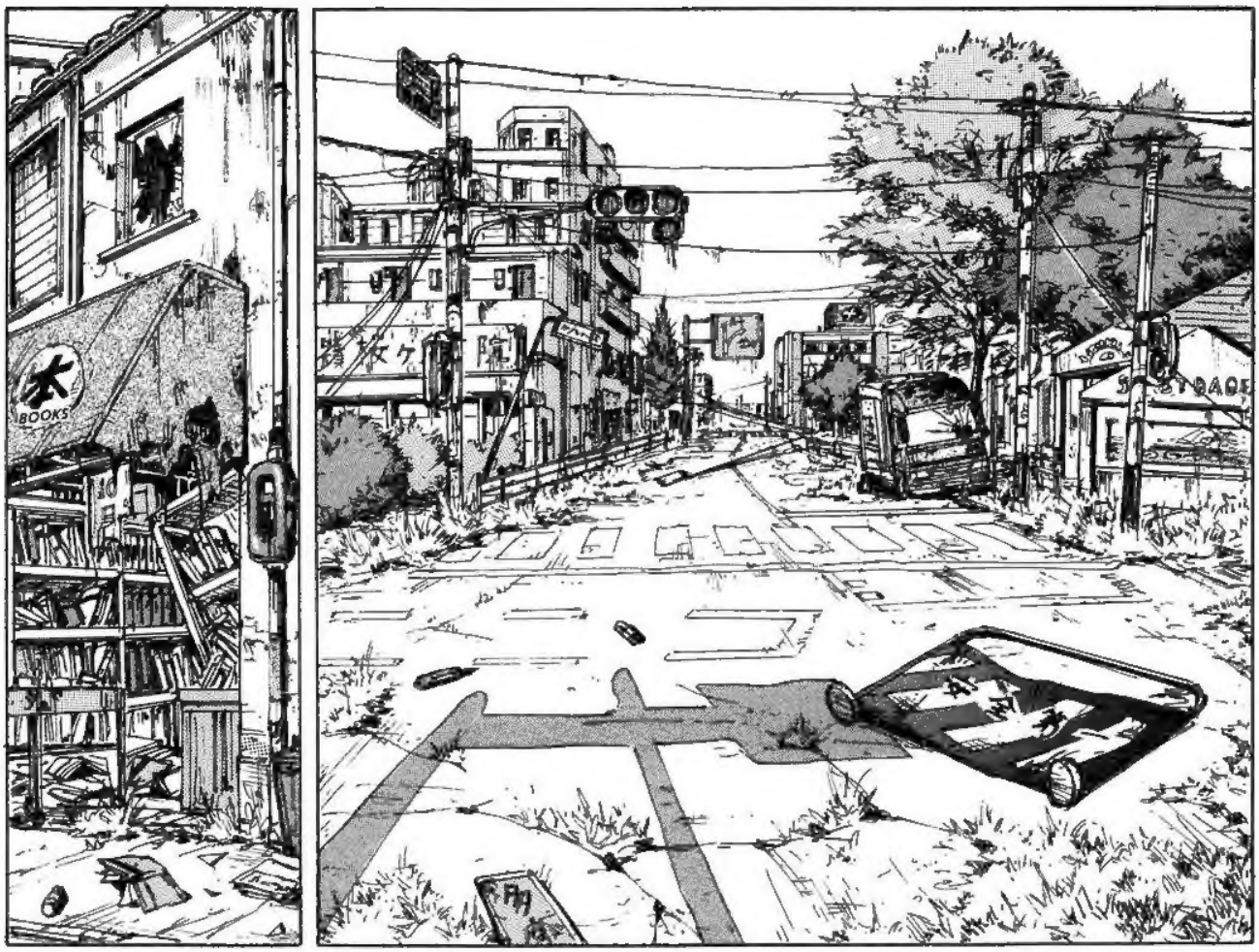
That sign...
Ah...!
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
We finally made it to Tokyo!
BOING
ピョン
Whoo hoo!
Which means...
Tama City...
TAMA
TOKYO METROPOLITAN
Tokyo ...?!

CROUCH
It's totally fine, totally!
Do we really have time for that?
It'll be commemorative! Our first picture in Tokyo!
Oh, oh! C'mon, let's take a pic!
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
Huh?
PLOP
You too, Ibara! Get in this!
Just one...
Sure!
RUSTLE
Ibara ...?
Hello, Vice Principal?
BZZZ
BZZZ
VICE PRINCIPAL
FLIP

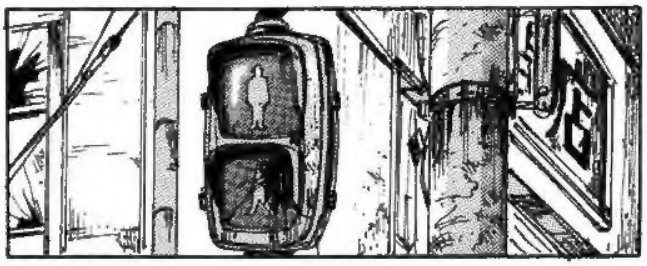
We've just entered Tama City, on the outskirts of Tokyo.
NARUSE, WHAT'S YOUR LOCATION?
VICE PRINCIPAL
A school. Apartment buildings. A hospital. A pond. Power lines.
Clouds. Trees. Telephone poles. A scarecrow. A sign for Shinto Electric.
SHINTO ELECTRIC
GOOD.
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE NEARBY?
COPY THAT.

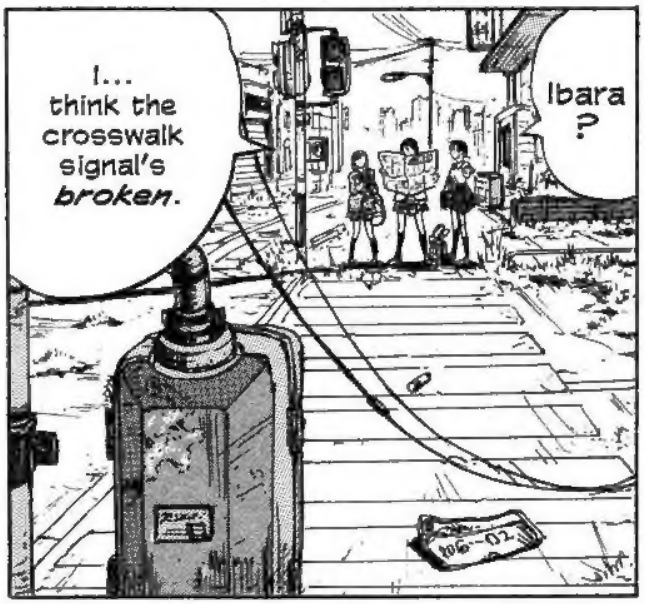
Ah.
There's a bird.
Wonder where it's goin'.
A pigeon, maybe?
No...
Not a soul.

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO USE PHONES. SWITCH TO YOUR RADIOS.
KEEP HEADING TOWARDS DOWNTOWN TOKYO.
From here on...
But Ibara...
CLICK
Roger.
Let's go, Aoi. Taeko.
Just pretend we're on a class field trip.
Don't worry!
TAMA
TOKYO METROPOLIS
東京都
Ibara, what about the pic?!
Let's go see the sights in Tokyo!
TMP
TMP
TMP


BOOKS

Power got cut off a looong time ago.
Well 'course it would be.
MAP




I... think the crosswalk signal's broken.
Ibara?

FWUMP
Let's find a hotel already!
So like... where're we going now?

You can't get a good feel for what's going on from the air...
So *according to the VP* somebody's gotta investigate from down here.
First, we'll cross the Tama River.
It should be farther up along this road... Route 18.
ROUTE 18 TOKYO
Wait... we're going to *walk* the *whole way*? But this city's so *huge*!
Yup.
Remember what we learned in school?
I *know* already!
Still, we have a job to do...
Yeah, but that doesn't mean we should be walking around willy-nilly in such a dangerous place, you know?
Survivors? Really...?
But d'you think there actually *are* any...?
We're not, like... mechanical *dolls*...

It's our job to find 'em.
Who knows?
Nagayama Station...
The trains...
...definitely ain't running.
NAGAYAMA
KEIO NAGAYAMA STATION

CLOP
Give it up, Aoi.
CLOP
If we could take a train, we could get to Tokyo Station in, like... an hour, maybe?
CLOP

SWISH
Mebbe there's something cold to drink?!

SHOP
Ooh!
I spy a shop!

This shop is probably ...
I'm sure there's not, Aoi.

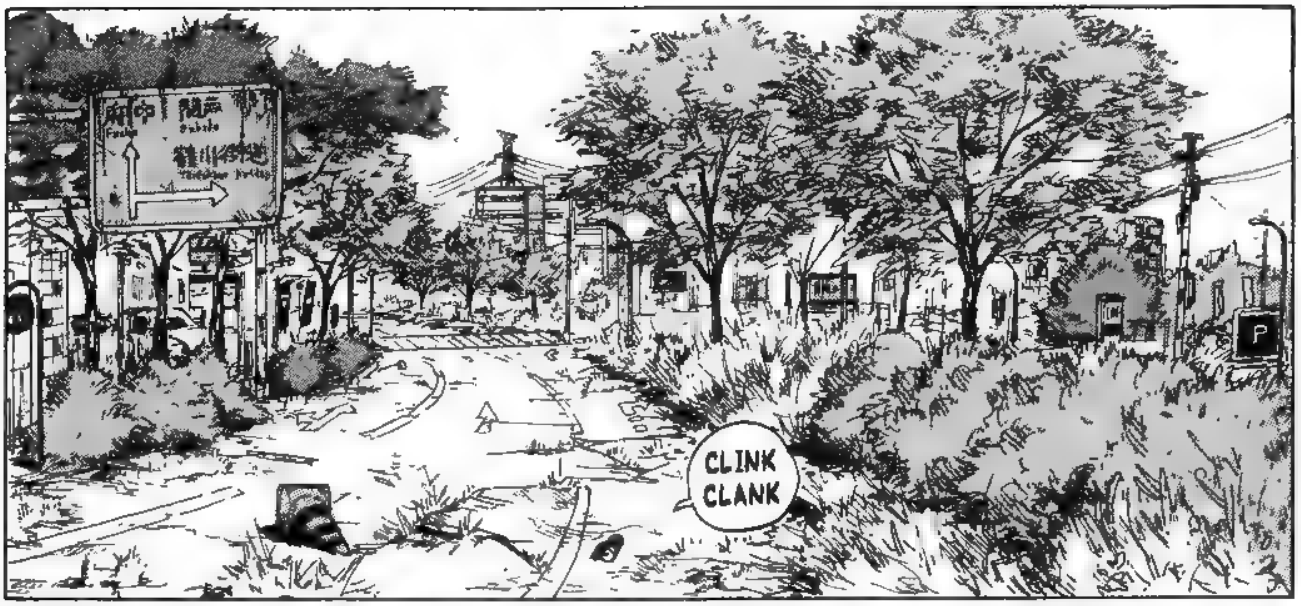
Ah...

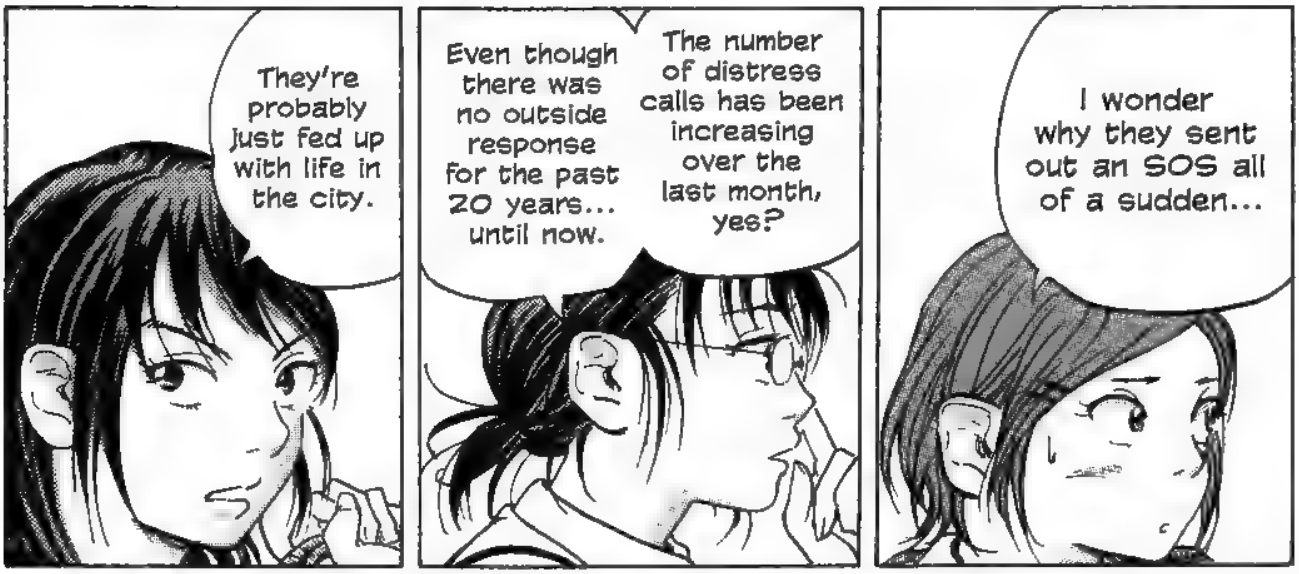
Look at this newspaper ...
EVACUATION ADVISORY

I knooow, Taeko!
It's prolly been closed like this for the last 20 years anyways...

EVACUATION ADVISORY
...from the time of the *accident*.
The headline's from 20 years ago...
We can cross the river there.
WHIRL
There's supposed t'be a bridge called Sekidohashi up ahead...
WE'VE JUST PICKED UP A RADIO SIGNAL.
IT'S AN SOS.
Yes, Vice Principal?
CLICK
BEEP BOOP
NARUSE, COME IN.

?!
IT'S COMING FROM TAMA CITY, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE NAGAYAMA AND SEKIDO AREAS.
Roger.
WE'LL HEAD YOUR WAY ASAP, TOO.
THEN THEY SHOULD COME TO YOU.
FIND AN OPEN AREA AND SEND UP A SMOKE FLARE.
So there's a survivor nearby...?!
THAT'S HIGHLY LIKELY.
...And if we find them, what should we do?
ALL YOU GIRLS NEED TO DO IS FIND THEM.
BEEP
BOOP
DO NOTHING.


CLINK
CLANK


They're probably just fed up with life in the city.
Even though there was no outside response for the past 20 years... until now.
The number of distress calls has been increasing over the last month, yes?
I wonder why they sent out an SOS all of a sudden...

...after the government evacuated the whole area.
CLOSED
TODA
Heck, it's amazing that anyone could *live* in this place...

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
ピピピピピ
?!
BEEP
They must have had a good reason to stay behind...
You could never pay most people enough to live here!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
ピピピ
I have no idea...!
Whazzat ?! A phone ?!
For us, it's just a toy.
We don't need it.
Isn't that a...?
CLICK
BEEP
ピ
BEEP
ピ
It's just this thing.
Calm down.
BEEP
ピ
BEEP
BEEP
ピ

W-Wasn't that sound...?
Yes... it was the alarm on a Geiger counter.
ESWISH
Come on, let's get going.
It's supposed to go off when the reading gets too high...
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
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CHUKKA
CHUKKA
WHRRRRRR

Call me *Vice Principal*.
My main job is as an instructor at a National Defense Academy technical school...
Tell all hands to suit up.
Commander Mishima, sir! 10 minutes until we're above Tama City!
CLACK
Shut it... Geez...
I wanna eat a *parfait* I wanna take a *bath* wanna lie down and read *maangaaa!*
*Augh! No mooore!*
How long *is* this freaking road?!
*Aha!*
BUMP
WHOOOOSH
?!

What a huge river!!
The water's all sparkly!
Ow... This is the Tama River, then?
Wow, the wind feels so nice...!
Ibara, do you see?!
Where'd all your whining go, Aoi?

Yeah... Why not...?
Saaay, can we take an itty bitty break here?
TMP
TMP
It's already waaay past noon...!
Yay!
Definitely a lot of open space... The VP's helicopter should be able to land.
FWSH
CLAP
CLAP
Won't be long before the survivor shows u—
There we go! Should be able to see that from 10 kilometers away!
Y-You brought that much food...?
GOBBLE GOBBLE
Ahhh, this is so good! Totally mouth-watering!

What're you doing?! How can you look so calm?!
Wh...? We're havin' lunch!
I-I-I-
Ibara?!
DROP
SLIP
Well, we're basically hiking...
You guys might be good with that, but for me...
STAB
But that's ...
But...
Isn't that so much simpler?
FLEX
I gave myself some balanced nutrients!
It's nothing!
TWIRL
What's eatin' you, Aoi...?
...

I'm so happy to be human!
And wiener dogs an' crab croquettes, sooo to die for!
OM
Ahhh, rice balls're so yummy!
NOM
NOM
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
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CHUKKA
There it is.
Bring us down by that red smoke.
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
Yes, Vice Principal, sir!

That voice, where ...?!
?!
It sounded close...!
Whatevs, I'm not, like, mad or anyth—
Urgh...
Aoi... I'm sorry.
But we're...
GULP
I know how you feel.
It's a survivor!
There ...!
Urgh...
!
Ibara! Under the bridge!
!!
CLANG

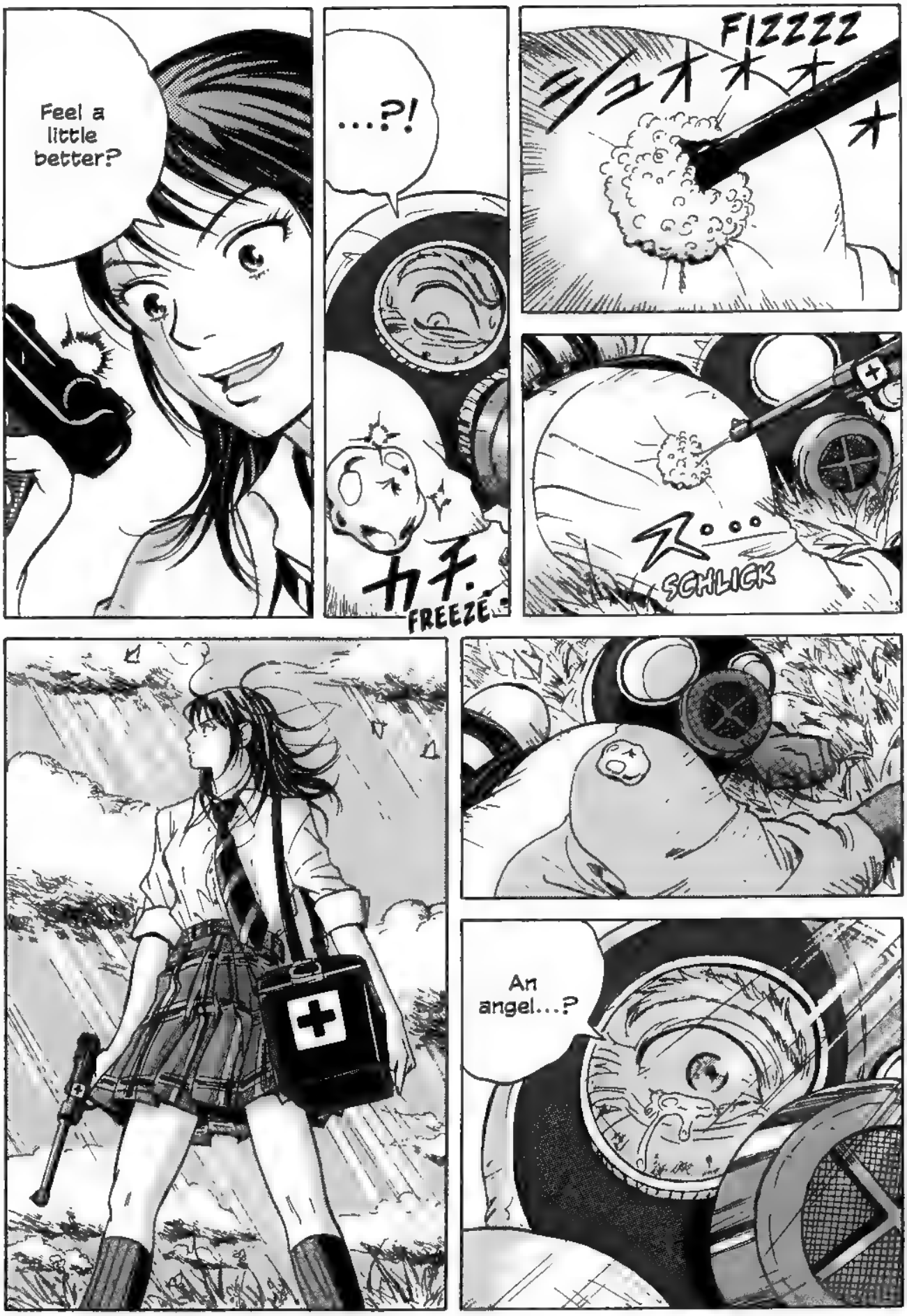
...so much...
It hurts...
Ugh...
Hng...
He sounds like he's in pain...
He...
JERK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
...him.
But the Vice Principal said...!
Y-Yeah... to do nothing...
The radiation's coming from...
The counter's reading over 999 milli-sieverts...!

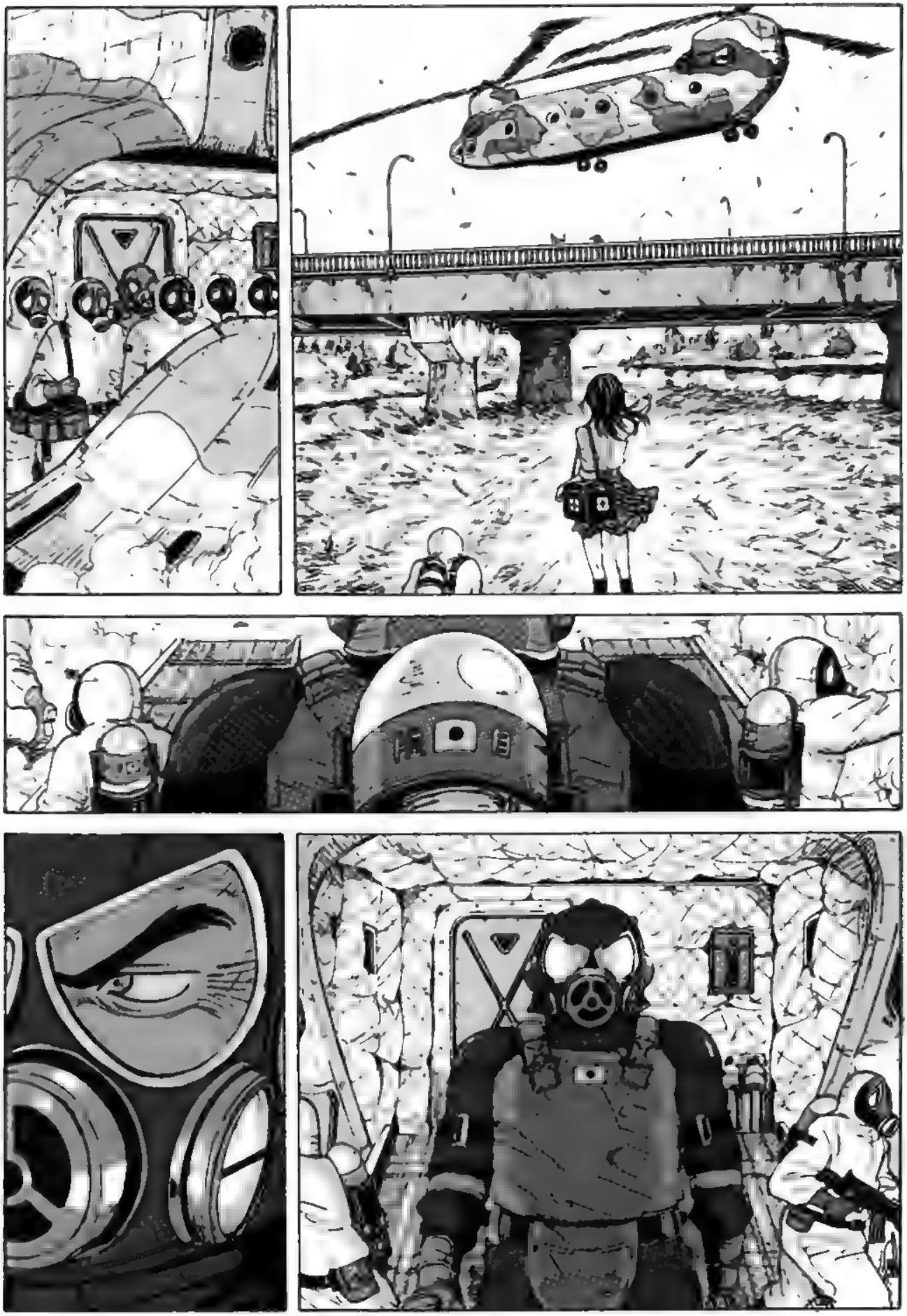
Some-
body...
Help
me...
Please...
GRIP
Hnng...
He...
lp...
It's too
late...
at that
point...
The
counter
can't even
go any
higher!
We
can't
...!
No one
can help
you.
HFF...

CLANG
Wha...?!
Taeko! Gimme the first aid kit!
Screw the rules!
But...
But the Vice Principal said to wait until—
CLATTER
Hrng...
WHOOOSH

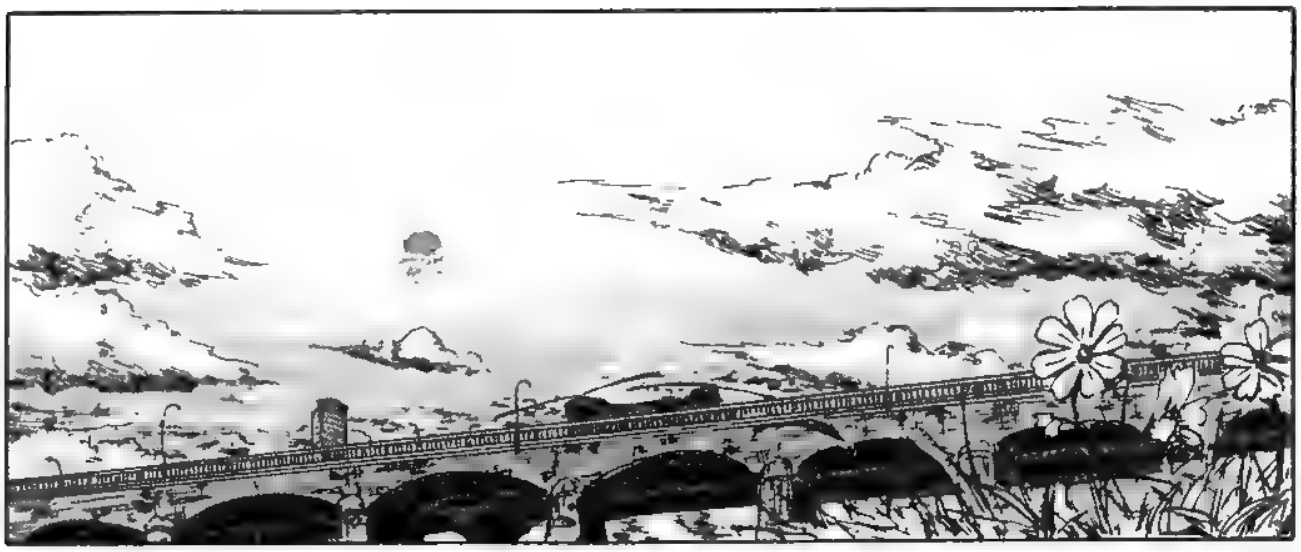
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
Are you insane...?! You don't even have a breathing mask...
POP
You fool ...!
Y...
FWIP

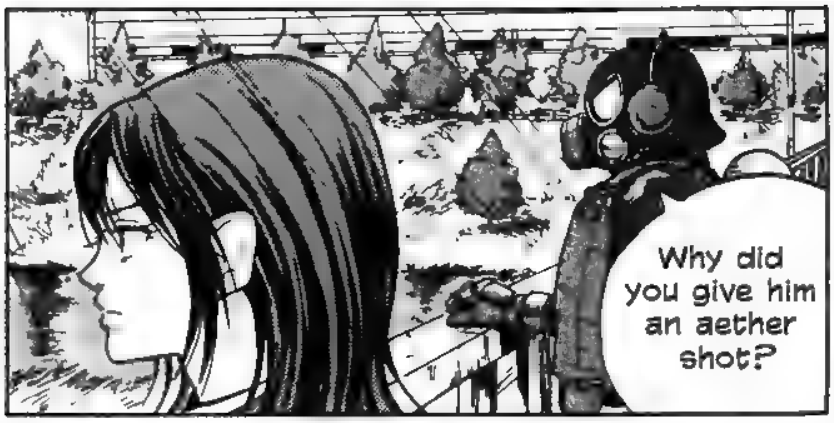
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
Try to slow your breathing.
I'm going to give you a shot of "aether."
CLICK
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
Guh...!!
PUNK
PRESS
HUFF—
WHEEZE—
HUFF—
WHEEZE—

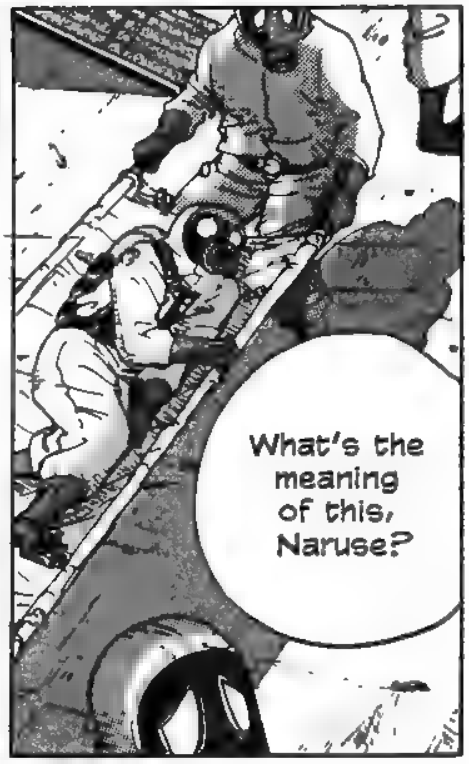

Feel a little better?
...?!
カチ.
FREEZE.
FIZZZZ
シュオオオオ
SCHLICK
An angel...?

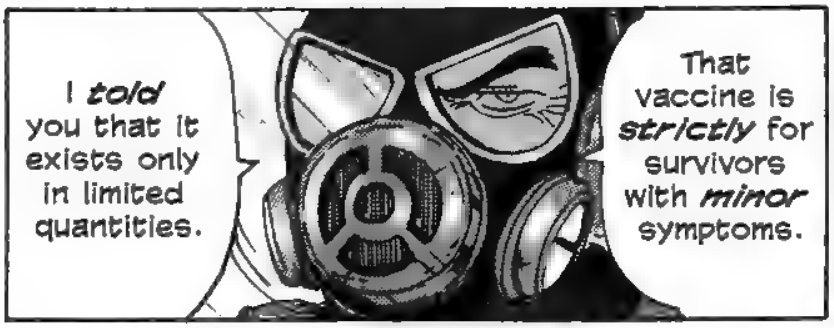


CHUKKA
CHUKKA
!
Vice Principal Mishima...
Where's class representative Ibara Naruse?
Step to it!
...Recover the survivor.
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA




Why did you give him an aether shot?


What's the meaning of this, Naruse?


I *told* you that it exists only in limited quantities.
That vaccine is *strictly* for survivors with *minor* symptoms.

*Then make more of it! Please!*

Administering it to someone with thyroid cancer that far along...
...will only give him temporary relief—

I'll keep treating survivors every time we find one.
BEEEP
BEEEP
BEEEP
I'll petition the Ministry of Defense to increase production.
That's our job.
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
We're pulling out.
Time's up...

How can they survive here without breathing masks or protective suits...
How...?
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
Those girls...
Who *are* they?
TOKYO
...when this city's contaminated with radiation?

RADIATION LEAK IN ENTIRE TOKYO AREA
NUCLEAR MELTDOWN AT SHINTO ELECTRIC NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
IS THIS A SECOND CHERNOBYL?
FLAP
FLAP
FWAM
SHINTO ELECTRIC
DANGER
TO ALL RESIDENTS:
EVACUATION ADVISORY OFFICIALIZED
NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY
EVACUATION AREA INFO

東京都
TOKYO METROPOIS
BEWARE OF RADIATION
放射能注意
They're known as *Coppelion*.
They're part of a special unit of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, 3rd Division.
They were genetically engineered to be resistant to radiation.
A normal person would be *dead* from this much exposure to radiation...
What's up, you two?
Are we really dolls... *Coppelion* ...?
Are we really...

Could a doll love stuffing its face with onigiri that much?
You goofball!
Ibara! Wait uuup!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
Ah ...!
I'm leavin'.
東京都
Only those girls can go anywhere in Tokyo...
...the largest ghost town in the world.
#1 END

FOOOOM
コッペリオン
WHAT A TERRIBLE SIGHT!
CITIZENS OF JAPAN... LOOK!
TOKYO'S ODAIBA ISLAND IS ENGULFED IN A SEA OF FLAME!
COPPELION
コッペリオン #2

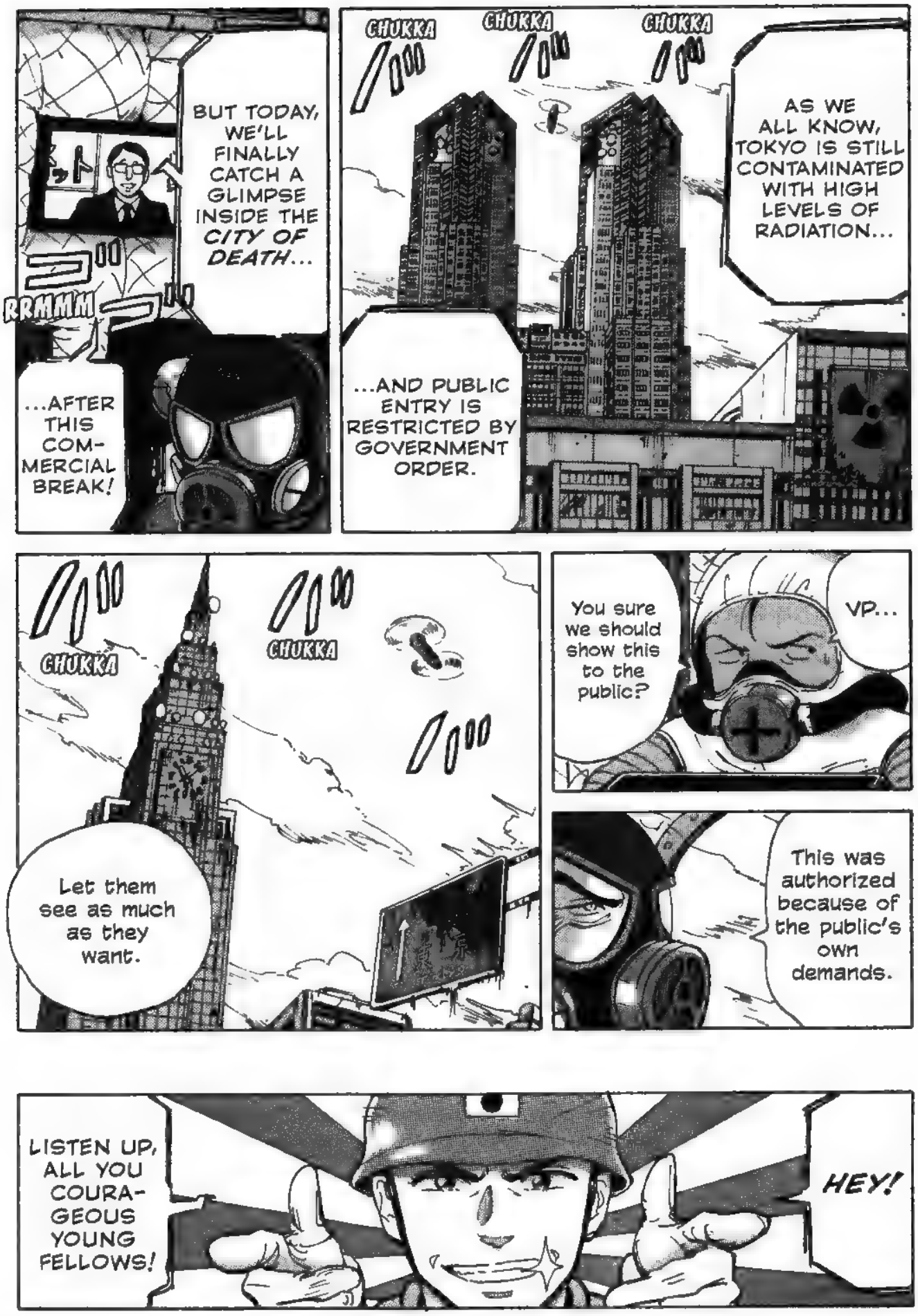
HOOAH...
OH NO! REACTOR UNIT 4 JUST BURST INTO—
FWOOM
So this is a morning in Tokyo.
CHIRP
CHIRP
Hoo boy...
MUNCH
MUNCH
THE DATE IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2036.
IT'S TIME FOR THE 7 O'CLOCK MORNING NEWS...
GOOD MORNING FROM OUR STUDIO IN THE CAPITAL, KYOTO.

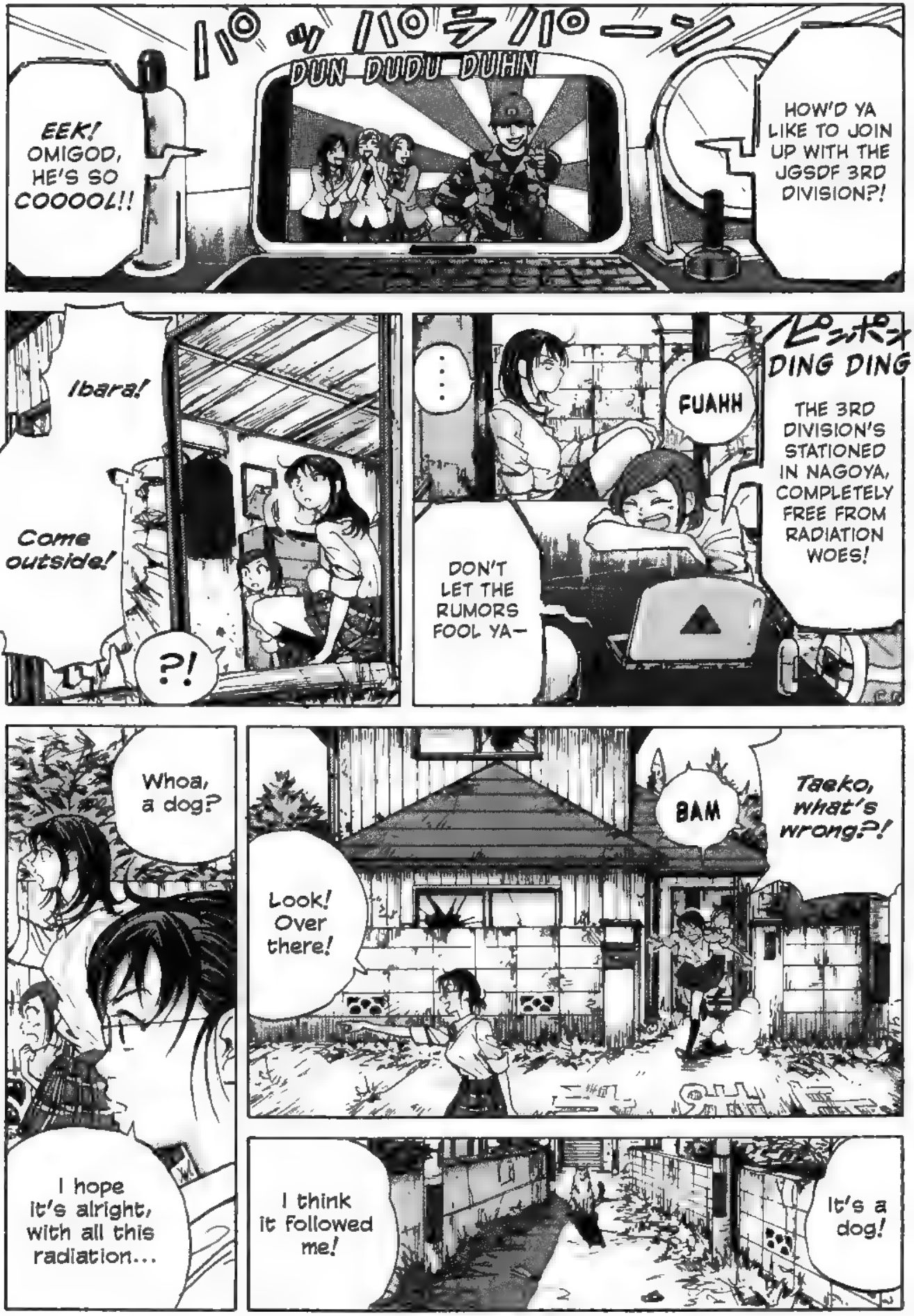
SINCE OCTOBER 2ND, 2016?
CHOMP
Oh! Good morning, Ibara!
What's up, Aoi? Satellite TV?
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED SINCE THAT TRAGIC DAY?
Want a rice ball? I've got salmon, roe, chicken...
Hey, where's Taeko?
Out on a walk.
OMF
AND SO, WE NOW INTERRUPT OUR REGULAR BROADCAST FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM.
2016. 10. 2
TODAY MARKS EXACTLY 20 YEARS SINCE THE MELTDOWN AT SHINTO ELECTRIC'S DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.
INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY SUFFERED A HUGE BLOW AS A RESULT.
THE RADIATION RELEASED BY THE MELTDOWN SPREAD ACROSS NORTHEAST JAPAN VIA THE WESTERLY WINDS.

THIS TRAGEDY HAS FORCED DRAMATIC CHANGES ONTO ALL OF JAPAN.
SWHISH
AFTER THE ACCIDENT, KYOTO WAS NAMED THE NEW CAPITAL. ONE AFTER ANOTHER, MAJOR COMPANIES MOVED SOUTHWEST.
SWIP
Oh!
A porcelain doll?
AND TOKYO STILL LIES ASLEEP, ENCLOSED BY A GIGANTIC WALL, JUST AS IT HAS FOR 20 YEARS.
GASP

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT NOW WAITS BEYOND THAT WALL?
TOKYO DO NOT ENTER
BUT, VIEWERS...
Ibuse.
It's almost time.
7:03
AT THE RECENT NATIONAL DIET MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT ADDRESSED STRONG PUBLIC CONCERNS...
RRRMMMM
...AND AUTHORIZED A LIVE BROADCAST FROM TOKYO AIRSPACE THROUGH THE JGSDF.
TODAY, THE JGSDF MAY HELP US SOLVE THAT MYSTERY.
One more and we're go!
Alright!
BCHK
R1 R2
Whoop!
I'm working on it, Vice Principal Mishima!
Yes-sir!

LIVE
IN TOKYO
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
BROADCASTING LIVE FROM TOKYO, THE CITY OF DEATH!
VIEWERS...
WE PRESENT THE FORMER CAPITAL... TOKYO!
FWUP
FWUP
...AND BROADCAST LIVE THROUGH OUR STATION IN KYOTO.
VRR
WHAT YOU SEE NOW IS VIDEO SHOT FROM A JGSDF HELICOPTER...


BUT TODAY, WE'LL FINALLY CATCH A GLIMPSE INSIDE THE CITY OF DEATH...
RRMMM
...AFTER THIS COM-MERCIAL BREAK!
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
AS WE ALL KNOW, TOKYO IS STILL CONTAMINATED WITH HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION...
...AND PUBLIC ENTRY IS RESTRICTED BY GOVERNMENT ORDER.
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
Let them see as much as they want.
You sure we should show this to the public?
VP...
This was authorized because of the public's own demands.
LISTEN UP, ALL YOU COURA-GEOUS YOUNG FELLOWS!
HEY!


パパラパーン
DUN DUDU DUHN
EEK! OMIGOD, HE'S SO COOOOL!!
HOW'D YA LIKE TO JOIN UP WITH THE JGSDF 3RD DIVISION?!
Ibara!
Come outside!
?!
FUAHH
DON'T LET THE RUMORS FOOL YA—
ピンポーン
DING DING
THE 3RD DIVISION'S STATIONED IN NAGOYA, COMPLETELY FREE FROM RADIATION WOES!
Whoa, a dog?
I hope it's alright, with all this radiation...
BAM
Taeko, what's wrong?!
Look! Over there!
I think it followed me!
It's a dog!

After 20 years here, animals must've adapted to this environment.

It's like *us*.

Thank goodness ...

We're not the only ones here.

You're right. There are birds, too...

Get packed up.

We need t'get going.

All living things are related.

That's right.

Huh?

Are you lumping us in with *animals*?

Why not? They're all abandoned, anyhow.

GWSH

Is it okay for us to just barge into somebody's home like this?

Hey, Ibara...

Huh?

CLEAN STREETS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE FUCHU CITY

Then there are still survivors around here?

How far are we going today?

We'll look for survivors here in Fuchu for a while.

People like... the man from yesterday...?

We'll use the *Geiger counter*.

Then... how will we *find* them?

The SOS signals're concentrated here in Fuchu.

But it doesn't look like the survivors're gonna just answer our calls.

...They probably can't move around because of the radiation.

BEEP BEEP BEEP

Calm down.

CLICK

OFF ON

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

?!

It's that dog.

BEEP

If an animal that's been exposed to a lot of radiation is nearby...

...the reading on the counter should go up.

The same goes for *people*.

LIVE
IN TOKYO
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
OH, LOOK!
TOKYO TOWER IS STRAIGHT AHEAD!
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
THIS RADIO TOWER, ONCE THE MOST ICONIC SYMBOL OF TOKYO...
...HAS BECOME A MASS OF RUST!
EXACTLY.
I WANT YOU TO GET IT ON CAMERA.
RRMMM
RRMMM
RRMMM
We can go farther in?
What ...?

The station wants an interview.

VP.

Now, now, Mishima, you're the one who said...

...that your suits are perfect!

But sir...

CHUKKA CHUKKA CHUKKA CHUKKA

...*Prime Minister.*

Under-stood.

We'll speak later...

Let's get a *car* already! It's, like, a *basic human need!*

Do we haveta walk all day *again*?!

Haa...

P 30 MIN. 100 YEN

All the cars here are oldies from 20 years ago, y'know?

It's *way* too hot for October! Geez!

PLEASE, TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.
Then we'll ask the Vice Principal to bring us a shiny new one! With a built-in shower and a *fridge!*
Start the engine and *kaboom!*
I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE THROUGH TOKYO TODAY.
LIVE IN TOKYO
I AM COLONEL ONIHEI MISHIMA, VICE PRINCIPAL OF THE JGSDF 3RD DIVISION'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL.
Look, it's—
Ah!
OUR BIGGEST CONCERN, OF COURSE, IS THE SAFETY OF THE JGSDF CREW MEMBERS.
VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA...
Omigosh! He'll be, like, an *overnight celeb!* Whoo!!
THWUMP
Eek!! Our very own vice principal's on *TV!*

WILL YOU BE AFFECTED BY THE RADIATION?
A YEAR AGO, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WORKED WITH TRISTAR INDUSTRIES TO CREATE A NEW KIND OF HAZMAT SUIT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
...but only a thick layer of lead can stop gamma particles.
LEAD
VENEER
PAPER
ALPHA
BETA
GAMMA
Conventional suits can block alpha and beta particles...
THEN THESE SUITS CAN BLOCK ANY TYPE OF RADIATION?
I SEE...
So they developed these Barrier Suits.

That's why we carry timers, and withdraw before a certain time limit.
FWUP
THEY BLOCKED 99% OF RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES DURING TESTING.
FWUP
BUT EVEN THESE SUITS CAN'T STOP ALL RADIATION.
FWUP
As long as we're in the sky, where there's little radiation, we can carry out long operations.
RRMMM
RRMMM
That's enough.
That's got nothing to do with us.
...and we have to pull out right away.
But if we land, the alarms will sound after about 30 minutes...
TRULY, A DANGEROUS JOB.
SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS ...

We need to head back to Nagoya, or—
VP, put on your helmet!
Let's move.
Turn it off, Taeko.
THANK YOU FOR THIS PRECIOUS FOOTAGE.
VP MISHI-MA...
We're going to Shinto Electric's Daiba Nuclear Power Plant.
No.
THIS CONCLUDES OUR—
What ?!

CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU ARRIVE.
We'd like to show it to all of Japan.
CLOP
...the radiation level in that whole area's off the charts!
Even if we're flying, if we go in unprepared—
Vice Principal!
SLAM
You know full well...
Have you lost it?
This came down from the Prime Minister.
It's not up to me.
CLICK

Someone must be monitoring it, right ...?

The radiation there is so intense that no one can approach it, but...

...what's going on at the nuclear plant.

I wonder ...

Look over there, Aoi.

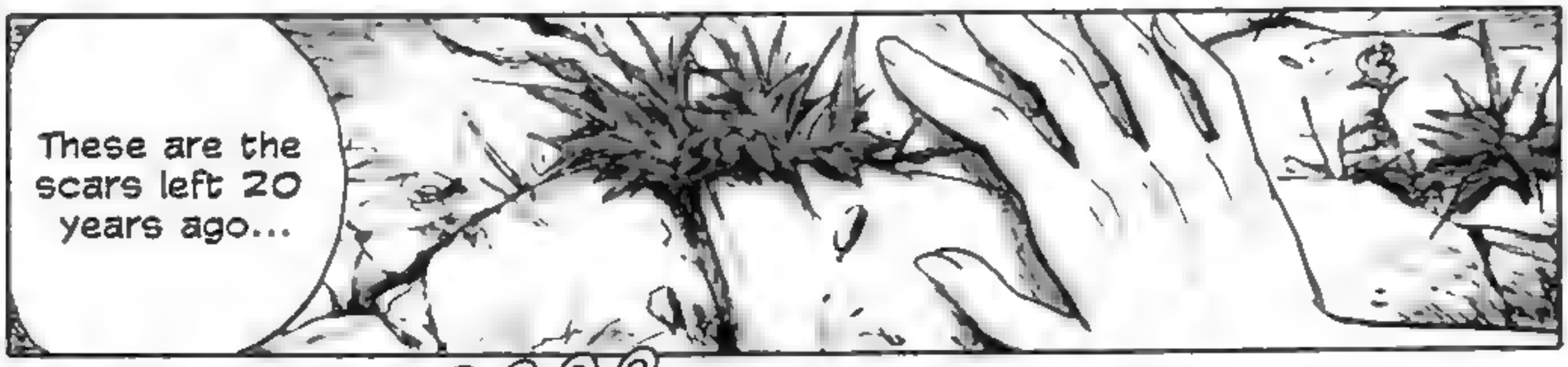
!!

We came *all* this way to Tokyo, I'm *not* staying in another dinky little *hovel!!*

I wanna sleep in a *hotel* tonight, Ibaraaa!

Who cares ?!

HOTEL UTOPIA
No way!
The hotel's falling over?!


These are the scars left 20 years ago...

HWOOOO
...by the massive earthquake that struck Tokyo.

Shinto Electric claimed that even a magnitude 8 quake wouldn't shake the plant...

HOTEL UTOPIA

...which led to the melt-down.

If I remember correctly, the earthquake damaged the nuclear plant's emergency core cooling system...

That's what they taught us in school.

Yup.

BEWARE OF RADIATION

...and *this* is what happened.

How 'bout it, Aoi? Wanna stay there?

*N-No! Little houses are just perfect!*

Be careful.

Any of these damaged buildings could come down at any moment.

FWUP

FWUP

FWUP

There's so much fog...

Can't even see past the Rainbow Bridge.

We're approaching Odaiba, VP.

Don't say I didn't warn you!

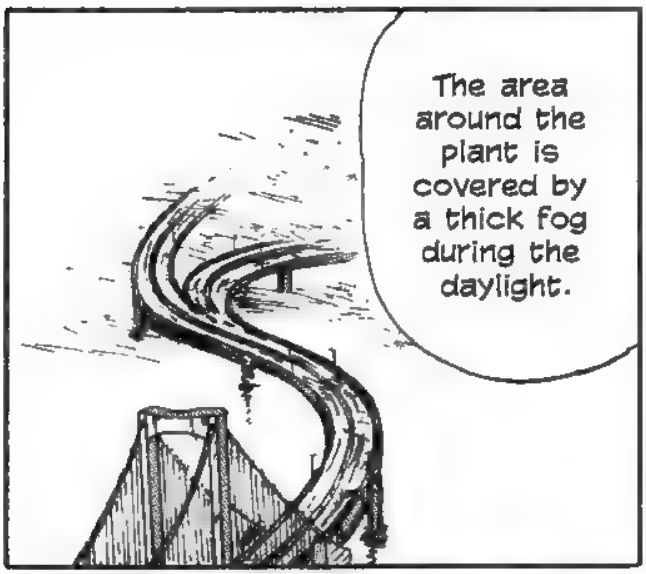
If they take us off the air...

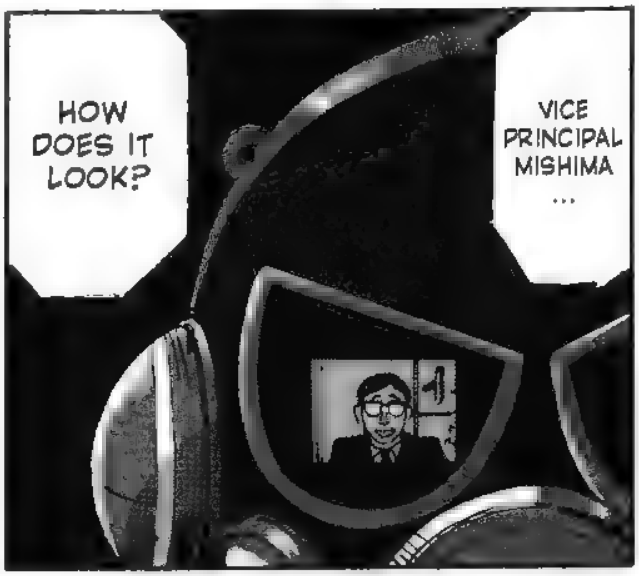
The *coffin's* gonna be covered up, too.

Connect us to the station.

Ibuse.

IT SEEMS THE JGSDF WILL SOON REACH THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE MINATO WARD, ODAIBA.
ネット
THIS IS NEWS PLANET.


The area around the plant is covered by a thick fog during the daylight.


HOW DOES IT LOOK?
VICE PRINCIPAL MISHIMA ...

There are still high levels of radiation at the plant?
So...
TICK
TICK
It looks like fog because the sea breeze picks the particles up.

It's actually a cloud of microscopic radioactive particles called *hot particles*...
...which are part of radioactive fallout— also known as the *ashes of death*.

A normal human can't go anywhere near it.
Yes.

SO IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN EXAMINE THE SITE WITHOUT USING ROBOTS.
I SEE...
We'll show you the plant as soon as the fog clears.
!!
VP. Let's go back already.
All we can show 'em is a white screen.
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
WE ARE TRULY MOVED BY THE JGSDF CREW MEMBERS' COURAGE AND SENSE OF DUTY.
I- I SEE...

RRMMMM

RRMMMM

RRMMMM

RRMMMM

Will you just give it up, oh Captain?

It's still not clearing up.

RRMMMM

RRMMMM

After that, we'll be off to the next life...

TICK

TICK

The timer's gonna go off in 80 seconds.

*You* want to show them this.

This came down from the Prime—

I told you.

*No.*

*You* want everyone to see...

...the terror of nuclear power.

Turn this helicopter arou—

CLUNK

...Fine, Ibuse.

*The fog!*

*It's gone!*

Yes, sir!

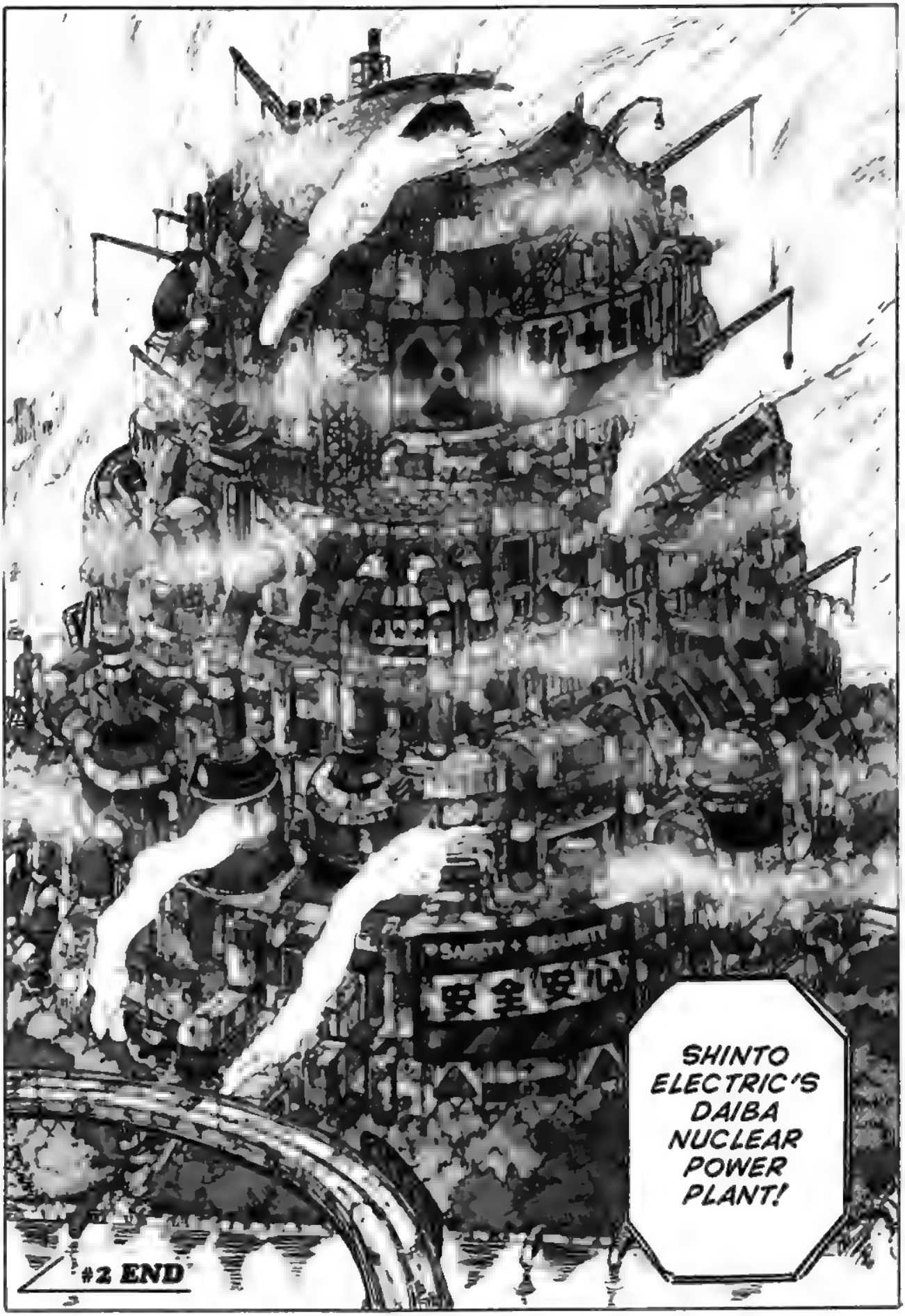
CLACK

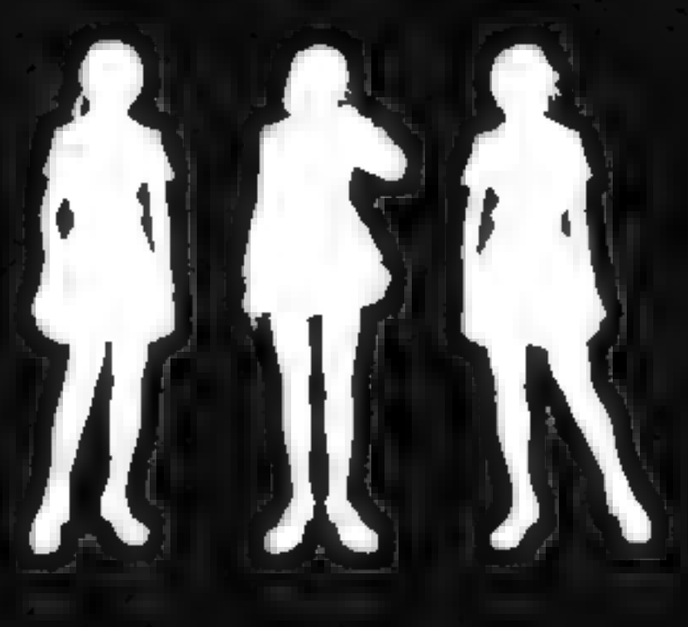
*Call the TV station!*

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
50 seconds!
I'm not waiting any longer than that!
!!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
CLICK
I owe you, Ibuse!
CITIZENS OF JAPAN...

LAY DOWN YOUR WORK AND WATCH.
Oh...
S-Sorry, I'll turn it off!
THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.
OCTOBER 2ND, 2016.
No.
Lemme see.
WHY DID THAT ACCIDENT HAPPEN?

WHY COULDN'T WE PREVENT IT?
LIVE IN TOKYO
NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE.
No... we *all* are.
I'm still searching for the answer today.
THE CENTER OF THAT TRAGEDY...
WHAT DROVE 90% OF THE POPULATION OF TOKYO TO THEIR DEATHS...


SHINTO ELECTRIC'S DAIBA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT!
#2 END



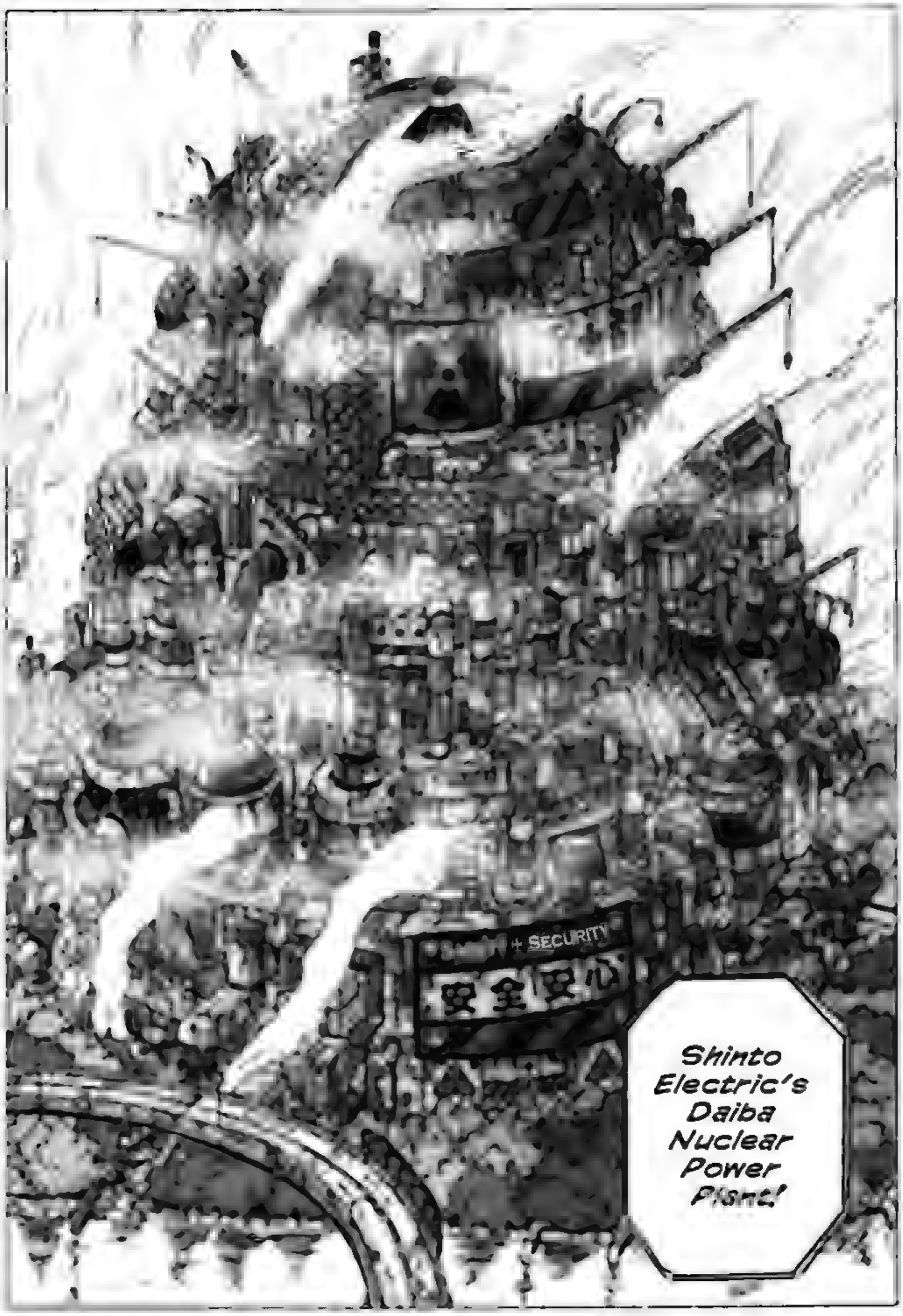
COPPELION
コッペリオン

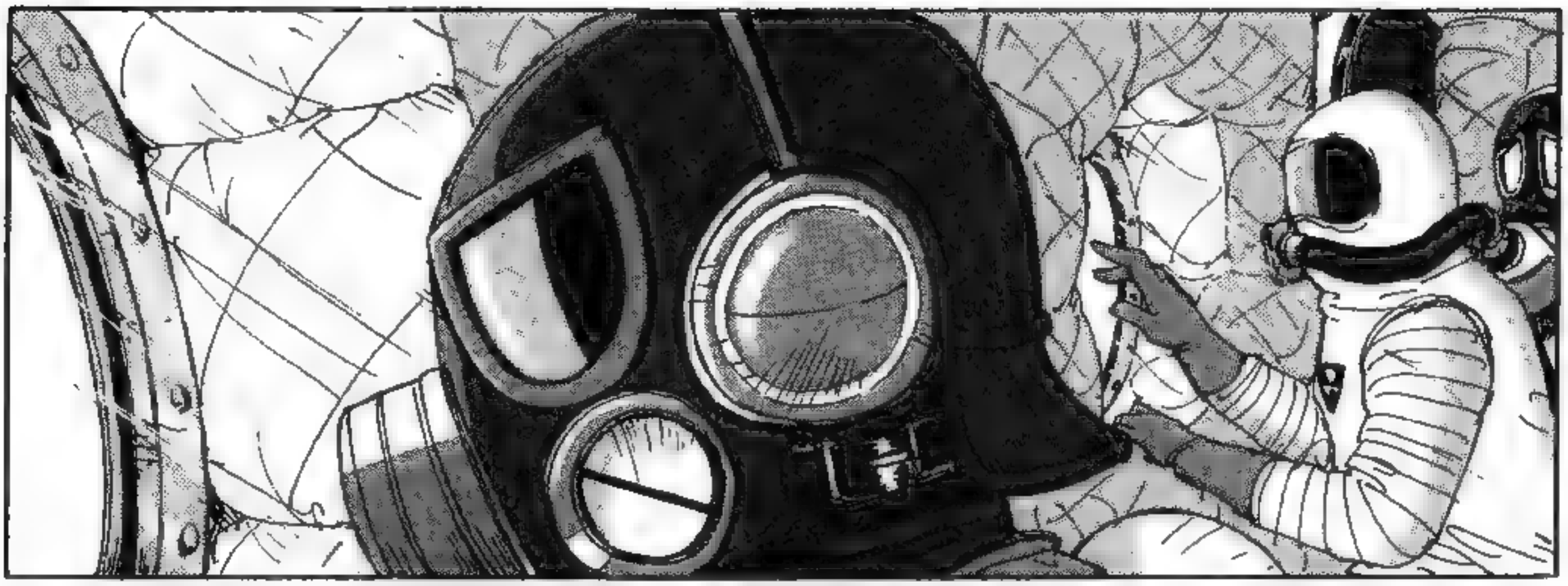
Never forget what you are about to see.

COPPELION
コッペリオン #3

What drove 90% of the population of Tokyo to their deaths...

The center of that tragedy...


+ SECURITY
Shinto Electric's Daiba Nuclear Power Plant!



Mankind has not yet found a way to purge the radiation from either site.

It was out of our hands from the very moment it was released.

As you can see...

...the plant has been completely enclosed by a thick shield of iron and lead.

...to prevent the radioactive materials that remained inside from leaking out.

This is the very same measure that was taken at Chernobyl...

Citizens of Japan— no, citizens of the world:

This box, Pandora's box, was opened by human hands.

...the "sarco-phagus."

CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

50 years ago, the lead box covering the Chernobyl plant was named...

Will another appear somewhere, in the future?

And now the same coffin can be found in Tokyo.

But we know not how to close it...

LIVE

IN TOKYO

BROADCASTING LIVE FROM TOKYO, THE CITY OF DEATH!

This was a live broadcast from Tokyo, through the JGSDF.

That concludes our program.

Pan-dora's box...

Someone *will* close it, right?

BLIP

Coming up next—

It's up to us to find survivors in the City of Death.

Let's move.

SWISH

Right! Forward, march!

R...

YAMORI

KAA

FLAP FLAP

KAA

Hm?

KAA

It's on the map.

It's a Shinto Electric plant.

Look at that tower...

"Shinto"? Is that ...?

Wait a sec...

W...

MUSASHIDAI

DISTRICT 1

MUSASHINO LINE

SCHOOL

FUCHU PRISON

SHINTO ELECTRIC

POWER PLANT

NORTH FUCHU STATION

DISTRICT 2

FUCHU HIGHWAY

*That's super huge!*

*It's, like, three times the size of Fuchu Prison!*

Holy cow!!

It's so big!

新都電力
SHINTO ELECTRIC
府中電気工場
FUCHU POWER PLANT

Just shows how much Shinto Electric was raking in...

...20 years ago, at least.

It's like a town of its own...

Look! You can barely even see the other side!

They ain't around anymore, though...

新都
SHINTO

SAFETY + SECURITY

We got something! The reading spiked up!

Oh!!

I-Is it a survivor?!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

!

Ah!

We just came from that way!

BEEP BEEP

Huh?

BEEP

We can't look for anybody with it setting off the counter!

Gimme a break...

What the heck, it's just that dog again!

SKRATCH SKRATCH

My, he must have followed us!

You sure?

Huh ...?

You go on ahead.

I'll go talk with him, so he'll stay here.

I was in charge of the animals at school, after all.

I'll be fine.

Does Taeko like animals so much because...? You know...

Ibara...

You've got your radio, right? Channel 2!

We'll come right back if we find somebody!

Alright.

Yeah... it's written right into her DNA.

Yes!

SHINTO

She was born with *enhanced senses*, like animals...

CRUNCH

SWIIIISH

How was this ever a power plant?!

Ibara...

BSSSHH

SWIIIISH

There's nothing but trees!

That's what happens when there's no landscaping for 20 years.

RUSTLE

行き止まり
No Outlet

Must be around that corner. Let's go!

BEEP
750
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

The alarm again ...

!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

CLICK

Hey!

Is somebody there?

Ibara?

I...

Shit...

We're too late...

SWISH

Stay there, Aoi.

Heek!

...?

BZZZ

...Suicide...

He died at least a month ago.

I can't do this!

I wanna go hooome!

POP

FLAP

FLAP

I'm scaared! Ahuh huh...

?

HIC

. . . .

I...

Ibara!

Some-thing's in there!

BASH

!!

KCHK

Aoi! Get down!

GRRAAAH

BSHOOM

GSSHAAA

?!

SHOOOM

Heek ...!!

THUD

I-Ibara...

Is it...

I hit it with a trang!

Is it out?!

No.

...the same dog from before?!

I-I think so!

A *wolf* ?!

This is a wolf.

Look at its fangs.

HUFF

This one was eating that corpse.

ZZZ

After 20 years, the stray dogs probably turned wild again...

Like I'd know!

Why are there *wolves* in *Tokyo*?!

-SWHISH

Tokyo's part of the wilderness now, after all...

She's unarmed!

.....

What about the dog *Taeko's* with?!

Wait...

I am!

BOOP

*Call her! Quick!*

*Taeko!*

*Can you hear me?!*

BEEP GSSHHH

Taeko! Taeko, come in!

SNIFFLE

This is why I didn't wanna come here...!

This is why...

Shit!

This city *died* 20 years ago!

People don't *belong* here!

Where is she?!

K-CHK

Come on!

We're gonna get Taeko back!

#3 END

Can you hear me?!

02 CH 09:12

Taeko, come in!

# COPPELION
コッペリオン #4

Taeko!!

This is why I didn't wanna come here...!

This is why...

SNIFFLE

The wolf must have attacked her!

Shit!

Come on!

K-CHK

People don't *belong* here!

We're gonna get Taeko back!

A wolf got her...!

Ahun...

PLIP

PLIP

Taekooo ...!

Ahuh huh...

Hng...

Why didn't they ***tell us*** this stuff before they made us do this!

But... N-Nobody ever told us there'd be ***wild animals*** here!

FWUP FWUP FWUP

Family M

Fa

Y'got ***that*** right.

. . . .

BEEP BOOP BEEP

There's still hope.

Don't cry!

We'll follow this blood trail!

WHUP

WHUP

WHUP

NAGOYA, OCTOBER 2, 10 AM

WHUP

WHUP

WHUP

NAGOYA DOME

ナゴヤドーム

JGSDF TEMPORARY HELIPORT

WHUP

WHUP

FWOOOM

CHKK

CHKK

CHKK

CHKK

Decontaminate the helicopter!

We're ready, sir!

SHOOOOM

Is the Vice Principal there?

FZZT

This is Coppelion!

I've got my hands full.

GCHK ガチャ

What is it, Naruse?

?!

GSHH BEEP

*We're the ones who've got our hands full!*

Ibuse!

See that the suits are disposed of!

EXIT

Aye aye, sir!

Now calm down.

I heard you!

Taeko Nomura is missing?

*Hurry up and come saaave uuus!*

Why're there *wolves* in Tokyo?!

I hate this place! *Take me back to Osakaaa!*

BEEP GSSH

*Move it, Aoi!*

Taeko's missi—

We've been following a trail of blood...

CLUNK

RADIATION DECONTAMINATION ROOM

We think it has to do with the wolves.

CLUNK

You may run into more wild animals.

CLUNK

Stay on the trail.

Stay alert.

Yes!

We're looking for her now!

TAEKOOO!

...could there really be more survivors?

But if it's this dangerous here...

Roger.

...they'll have no one left to save them.

If *you* girls abandon them...

FWIP

What?

Pardon... Vice Principal Mishima ...

We have to believe they're out there. Even if no one else does.

The elderly man the Coppelion rescued yesterday...

...the hospital said you can talk to him now.

That's what you trained so hard for.

CLACK

3

None of his external wounds from radiation poisoning are life-threatening.

CLUNK

What's his condition, Dr. Edogawa?

FOOAH...

CLUNK

QUARANTINE

...it's too late to treat him?

Does that mean ...

隔離室 C

20 years ago, he was exposed to Iodine-131, giving him thyroid cancer. And it's spread to his brain.

However ...

CLUNK

Yes, Vice Principal Mishima...

He's already been informed.

BEEP

BEEP

I'm sorry to hear of your condition.

I am Colonel Mishima. I was in command of the helicopter that lifted you out of Tokyo yesterday.

BEEP

What do you want to know, Colonel Moustache?

I know what you're here for...

But this is an emergency. I need to ask a few questions.

Mr. Heiji Tanizaki?

HAA

HOO

But these days... the radiation's gotten stronger...

I was born and raised in Tama... I managed to stay there for the past 20 years...

Distress calls from the Tama-Fuchu area have been rapidly increasing over the past month...

...after nothing but silence for 20 years. Why call for help *now*?

The radiation got stronger ...

So I used my radio...

HOO

. . . .

Maybe they don't trust the Ministry of Defense?

HAA

Why has no one sent anything more specific?

Then we could have saved you right away, had you told us your location.

With the emergency supplies you government people dropped in...

With...

GARBAGE

I see. And how did you feed yourself?

The cancer in his brain may have made his memory unclear.

Please... try not to upset him.

And after those drops stopped five years ago?

Oh?

HAA

HOO

HOO

Wh... What are you...?!

We have to collect as much intel as we can before he dies.

Please, this way.

We'll try again later, Vice Principal...

It's not like he's a criminal, y'know?

He's already suffered enough.

NAGOYA IS SAFE!

That was practically an *inter-rogation!*

Yeesh...

Something caught your interest?

...

He's hiding something.

SST

Did you locate Taeko Nomura?

Naruse.

FWIP

BEEP GSHH

This is Coppelion on channel 1!

Nothing specific...

BSHOOM

BSSH

We're taking fire!

We're under attack!

PFFBT

What?!

They started shooting out of nowhere!

I'm returning fire!

BSHOOM

BSSH

WHUD

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

BAM

SHWEEN

I can't do this!

This isn't a field trip at all!

BSHOOM

DASH

We're changing position, Aoi!

Shit!

DRIP

Let me go hooome!

VWISH

!!

...things're gonna go downhill from here.

It's like...

Come in!

Naruse!

Hrumph ...

Those three are all the government would give us.

It can't be helped.

It's nuts to expect just three girls...

...to comb through all of Tokyo for survivors.

...if there are survivors or not.

K-CHK

The higher-ups don't give a damn...

BEER

Wait here, Aoi!

Huh?!

八百

兵衛

GROCERY

They're inside that grocery store...

GROCERY

THUD

ICE CREAM

アイスクリーム

DASH

UDON

Wait!

Don't leeeave meee!

SLIP

Where'd he go ...?!

Shit...

It's deserted...

Welp...

This's gonna be a fun day...

CLICK

Dich

I'm going back to looking for Taeko.

CLUNK

CLUNK

They got away.

Is that you, Naruse ?!

Did you capture the insurgent ?!

Hold out until then.

GAH...

We'll head for Fuchu right away.

...isn't *dead*, is she?

Taeko...

Let's go, Aoi!

Roger.

Don't just throw that word around.

Huh?

It's fine, it'll heal up in a couple minutes anyhow.

*Ibara!*

*You have to wipe off the blood! Here!*

SCRUB

SCRUB

Huh?!

. . . . . .

It's *dragging* something.

The wolf's tracks... this ain't good.

This's—

*Ibara !!*

*Over there!*

PANT

PANT

Why is the *wolf* hurt?!

Why ...?

Huh ...?!

Look!

Then...

We've been following the *wolf's* blood?

PANT

PANT

It's wounded ?!

This's a gunshot wound.

It was grazed by a bullet.

Taeko doesn't *have* a gun...

But...

Someone must've shot it.

SWIIISH

Looks like it.

...the shooter from earlier—

Which means...

GCHK

!!
Don't move!!

Give me back my child!
You monsters!

Taeko!!
#4 END

Why is the *wolf* hurt?!

Why ...?

Ibara!

Over there!

COPPELION コッペリオン #5

PANT

PANT

Someone must've shot it.

?!

Taeko doesn't *have* a gun...

But...

GCHK

Which means...

...the shooter from earlier—

*Don't move!!*

You monsters!

Give me back my child!

Taeko!

Where are your hazmat suits?!

What the hell are you?!

We have antibodies that make us immune to radiation.

SWIP

We're Coppelion— a special forces unit with the JGSDF 3rd Division.

COPPELION

We're here to help you.

Please, calm down.

HUFF WHEEZE

HUFF WHEEZE

For radiation?!

Antibodies?!

Your daughter?

THUD

You took my daughter!

You're lying!

I'm getting tired of this!

THWUNK

Hng!

Don't play dumb!

She's my precious little girl! Give her back!

FPSHOOM

Dammit!

What'd you do?!

Hnn...

CLINK

What'd you do to me?!

THWUNK

Aaargh!!

SHOOO

SHOOO

SWOOSH

Move!

Taeko!

Bring me the first aid kit!

Ibara!

Say what?

...

SLIP

Hurry!

Do you feel any better?

...?

I gave you a shot of aether. It's a cure-all.

It's a wolf! It could be *rabid!!*

Why are you treating that thing?!

GWSH

SLURP

SLURP

He protected me.

So...

Could you tell us what's going on?

*Person ?*

He's a very good person!

I don't have time to be sitting here!

That's right!

FWAP

You said your daughter's missing?

Urgh...!

If anything happened to my Miku...

*My daughter went missing this morning! She's only 9 years old!*

*Help me look for her! I'm beggin' ya!*

*I'm sorry about what I did!*

*You try that way!*

*I'll look this way!*

*Shout if ya find her!*

*Please, help!*

But first, where do you live? How old are y—?

We will.

NAGOYA

A child?!

What?!

Yes...

It's a little girl named Miku.

There's a *9-year-old child* in Tokyo, amidst all that radiation?!

Wait...

What should we do?

We're coming.

Search like the survivor said, for now.

This must be a mis-understanding.

K-CHK

GLUG

GLUG

So, a little lost kitten...

It's a miracle she lived this long, huh.

No child should be able to survive in that hell...

Which means that fetuses and small children bear the worst of it.

Radiation is the most damaging to cells that are actively dividing.

CLACK

KAPOP

At least not without the antibodies to fight radiation.

Mikuuu!

Mikuuu! Peek-a-boo!

K-TUNK

Hello-o-o!

Are you here?!

JOLT

CLANK CLONG

?!

I'm not quite sure where to look...

Huff...

Like, is there even really a girl?!

POP / 10 th

I found youuu!

CLANK

CLONG

SQUIRM

Gyah!!

R... R... Rats?!

SQUIRM

?!

. . . .

Rats? Aw, they're cute!

KEE
KEE
KEE
SPLAT
?!
KEE
KEE
Ha ha ha!
This is great, there're so many!
FLAP
バタ
バタ
FLAP
Ha! And now bats!
...that the same thing happened at Chernobyl.
They told us in class...
What's *wrong* with this place?!
FLAP
FLAP
KEE
Wh ...?
It's, like, *Animal Planet* in here!!
RUSTLE
SQUEK
RUSTLE

Air pollution, electromagnetic radiation... that all stopped hurting the environment once people were gone.

Chernobyl was reborn as one of the greenest places on the planet.

Doesn't it hurt 'em?

But there's still radiation.

And the animals all came back down from the mountains.

SQUIRM

Well...

Yes...

PANT

...than for *humans*.

PANT

These people simply have a higher tolerance for radiation...

H... Help!!

?!

Aaah!

He went that way! Come on!

It sounds like that guy!

DASH

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

Hee...!

この先 行きどまり No Outlet

Heek...!

CLACK

CLACK

TAP

PLIP

DRIP

AGGRRRR

Gyah!

Real monsters, this time?!

FWIP FWIP

FWSH

Get down!

Ibara! Don't shoot!

SNARL

GRARR

!!

FLINCH

...

WHOA!

Is he, like...

HWOOOO

GRRR

WHINE

WHINE

...the alpha dog?!

TWITCH

ZIP

FWSHH

RUFF

TUMP

TMP

TMP

Th...

Thanks!

Eek!

!!

I think I'm in love!

ZIP

DASH!!

...were so desperate to save themselves...

Humans...

TWITCH TWITCH

...they must have escaped from a zoo.

I think...

And they've been living here this whole time.

...that the animals were left behind...

Dammit!

Where are you, Miku?

Ahhh ...

*Urgh... Damn it all!*

What if those monsters got her?!

I can't take it anymore!

My wife is waiting there alone right now.

That's because... because our home is safe!

Let's leave the details for later!

ZWIP

How were you able to live here?

Sir...

...in a city of death... for 20 whole years?

Why would you choose to stay here...

It's our duty to protect people!

Yes, sir!

?

*We have to hurry and find Miku!*

*Aren't you with the JGSDF?!*

That's exactly why we came all the way from Osaka!

Because it's our duty to protect people!

Yes!

*Will you save my daughter?*

Will you save us?

We might find some clues about where she went.

Well... could you show us to your home?

That's good to hear.

I see...

Anyone in there?

Uh...

DASH

It's this way!

Come with me!

Alright!

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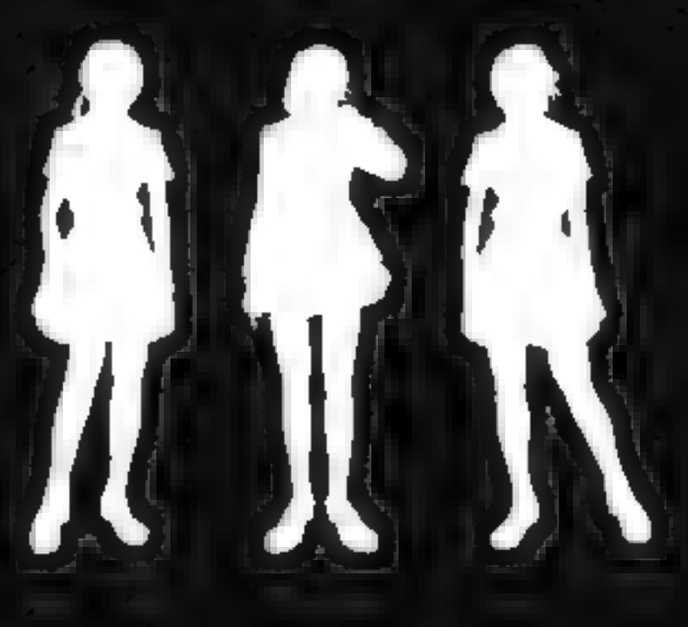


Could you show us to your home?

Well...

We might find some clues about where she went.

Save my little girl!

Oh God!

# COPPELION
## コッペリオン #6

*Alright! It's this way!*

*Come with me!*

This is our home.

FUCHU CENTRAL HOSPITAL

A hospital?

It's lucky so much of Tokyo is underground!

Apparently there are more safe zones like this one sprinkled around Tokyo.

We manage, somehow.

It has sterile rooms underground that escaped the radiation.

?!

CLICK

Down here.

We're using solar panels we found.

It's more than enough for one family.

We have our own generator!

Yes.

FWAP

What th—?!

You have power?!

...because no one believed there were any survivors left *alive*.

The JGSDF froze the emergency supply drops five years ago...

What about food?

Who *are* they?

These deliverymen...

*A delivery truck?!*

A delivery truck comes by every week.

I don't know.

They come out of nowhere and leave food, protective gear, and oxygen tanks for us. Then they go on their way.

They stopped showing up last month.

But...

You gotta get de-contaminated before you can go in!

Here we are!

...

So we had no choice but to send out an SOS.

Did you just say shower?!

Shower?!

BONK

There's a shower in here. Wash off the radioactive particles first.

Then you can go through the next barrier and—

7

Yessir! Rrrrroger that!

P-WOOSH

TMP

TMP

Yep. The hospital has emergency pipes that pump water up from deep underground.

Just keep it quick!

ガチャ K-CHK

♪ ♫

The survivors' hazmat suits.

What is it, Taeko?

Ibara, something's been bother-ing me.

Even the special Barrier Suits the VP and them wear...

Right.

In class, they said that standard suits can't block gamma radiation...

...can't completely block all radiation...

RRMMM

RRMMM

RRMMM

KWEEEE

Ready for takeoff!

NAGOYA DOME 3RD DIVISION TEMPORARY HELIPORT

DO

FOOOOM

And back to hell again we go.

Fooahh ...

Don't waste your oxygen, Ibuse.

!

It's about that survivor's suit.

You have a call from the research team.

Vice Principal !

Are the analysis results in?!

Hello, this is HQ!

Many thanks for treating me to those scrumptious chicken wings the other day!

Hello, hello! This is Mushanokoji, head of the research team!

3RD DIVISION RESEARCH CENTER

Wouldn't you know it, it's next to impossible to find here... Oh! Come to think of it, that takoyaki shop in Osaka—

I've been hooked on that miso seasoning from Nagoya ever since... it's been rough!

What a raspy voice! Vice Principal Mishima, that must be you!

Right, right! We just finished compiling the test results!

Oh!

TMP

SQUISH

What did you find out about the suit?

Musha-nokoji.

You should sit down for this, Vice Principal...

*That suit is even more effective against radiation than the Barrier Suits.*

As long as the radiation level's in the millisieverts, it should be able to block ***almost 100% of the radioactive particles.***

*What?!*

CLICK

Now then, I'd better get to work! We'll have to start manufacturing these!

Looks like rags, but...

KROMF ゴミ ゴミ

So... it's better than anything of ours.

Naruse, do you copy?

FZZT

They live in a bunch of ruins! How'd they get their hands on that kind of equipment?

What's going on?

PUFF

PSSH

So that's why they're still alive...

These people are living way more comfortably than we expected.

Sorry, I was taking a shower!

PSSH

A *shower* ?!

SHAAA

Come in on channel 2.

You'll let the radiation in!

FLAP

Hurry up and close the door!

TO

PWOOSH

7

Hey, over here!

Sh! You mustn't complain, Aoi!

I look like a prisoner in these clothes!

That's great news!

They'll be here in two or three hours.

I called the evac team.

I'm gonna go look for her with these girls!

*Listen already!*

?

*No! I won't leave without Miku!*

I'm Mitsuo Kawa-bata.

This is my wife, Yukiko.

Miku...!

Ahh...

What do you do about venti-lation?

Hey, how do you get air in here?

It has to be that deep or you can't get clean air!

They're connected to the same pipeline as the shower!

Oh, that's what those are for!

We can't even go outside when it rains!

A lot of radioactive particles dissolve easily in water, ya know ...?!

But that's not important! We have to find my daughter!

Of course I do! After living here so long, I'm obsessed with it!

You sure know a lot...

...about radiation.

I taught her how.

Miku's a very clever girl...

You said she's 9 years old, yes?

She could put on a hazmat suit by herself?

She was gone when I got up this morning!

And after I told her so many times not to go out on her own!

I can't think of anything...

...

Miku doesn't hide anything from us.

*Stop it, Yukiko! That won't help!*

*Ahh, this is all my fault!*

*And now she's...*

Maybe she wanted to do something secret.

Why do you think she went out on her own?

*HUH?!*

...to see her mother!

She must have gone...

My late wife... Miku's mother...

...This is my second marriage.

*Aren't you her mother?!*

...died of cancer three years ago.

But I'm sure she just couldn't forget about her mother...

She got used to me right away...

Miku's a very good girl...

The race course?!

Her grave's at the race course.

What do you mean she went to see her?

FUCHU HONMACHI STATION
NAMBU LINE
FUCHU HIGHWAY
KUMANO SHRINE
TOKYO RACE COURSE
9
CHUO EXPRESSWAY
Tokyo Race Course.
It's about two kilometers east of us.
Look... it's here!
We take the bodies of the deceased there...
That's how it is here.
Why is her grave at the race course?
.....
Ugh...!
That's all we can do...
...in a miserable cemetery with only one gravestone...!
My late wife rests...

No... we can't.

We're fugitives.

...why are you still living here?

If it hurts so much...

You could make it anywhere.

You're still young.

Wh...?!

Yukiko and my late wife were with us, too.

...and escaped from there in a big group.

We took advantage of the confusion 20 years ago...

It's the biggest pigpen in Japan.

Fuchu Prison is north of here.

But... were you in there for a severe crime...?

Wait, then these clothes...

...

...Y-Yeah...

Please, I beg ya!

CRUMPLE

We were all prisoners in the *murder ward*.

...Yes...

*We don't care what happens to us!*

I'll take any punishment!

I'll do anything for her!

*Ya gotta save my little girl!*

*But Miku...*

Save Miku!

...

Please ...!

'Kay?

We'll make sure Miku's safe!

Don't cry, ma'am!

Thank you...

...

Right...

In that case, let's see...

H- Huh?

...

Um... Ibara?

You look after Yukiko.

Me an' Taeko'll go to the race course.

Y- Yeah?!

Aoi!

You'll be okay!

Nobody can do this but you.

Nooo! Don't leave me!

What?!

CLAW

I'll take ya there!

Wait for me!

DASH

FWAP

Let's do this, Taeko!

I'm coming ...!

Were you waiting for us?

Oh, my!

!

Hurry!

The race course's this way!

Is the pain gone?

How's your leg?

Guess we'll take him on the hunt, too.

We're moving out to find the kid!

This is Coppelion!

HQ...

#.6 END

It's about two kilometers east of us.

TOKYO RACE COURSE

Tokyo Race Course.

CHUO EXPRESSWAY

COPPELION コッペリオン #7

Ya gotta save my little girl!

But Miku...

Please, I beg ya!

ガシッ CRUMPLE

We don't care what happens to us!

Don't cry, ma'am!

Let's do this, Taeko!

I'm coming...!

We'll make sure Miku's safe!

NICO
This is Coppelion!
We're moving out to find the kid!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

30

放射能

This way! Quick!

We have to find her before it runs out...

Or she could end up in a coma from lack of oxygen!

HUFF

Miku's oxygen tank is small!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

It doesn't last for long, even after compression!

HUFF

Huh ...?!

Tokyo Race Course is just on the other side of it!

東京競馬場

Fuchu Honmachi Station's up ahead!

GRRR

What's wrong?

Just leave the mutt!

Hey! Come on!

Why did you stop?

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

?!

GWSH

Wait...

FWIP

CLICK

What are you saying?!

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

Normal humans can't go here...

CLICK

189 ms/hr

Crap ...

CLICK

SWIIISH

The radiation level's getting too high.

30

But he still got acute radiation poisoning once the radiation went over one sievert...

The survivor we found yesterday was wearing the same kind of hazmat suit as you...

But...

Wait ...

He said himself that the radiation was too strong.

*But my daughter's in there!*

DOOOOM

*Miku ...!*

Let's go, Taeko!

It's too dangerous for you, Mr. Kawabata! Go back and wait!

!

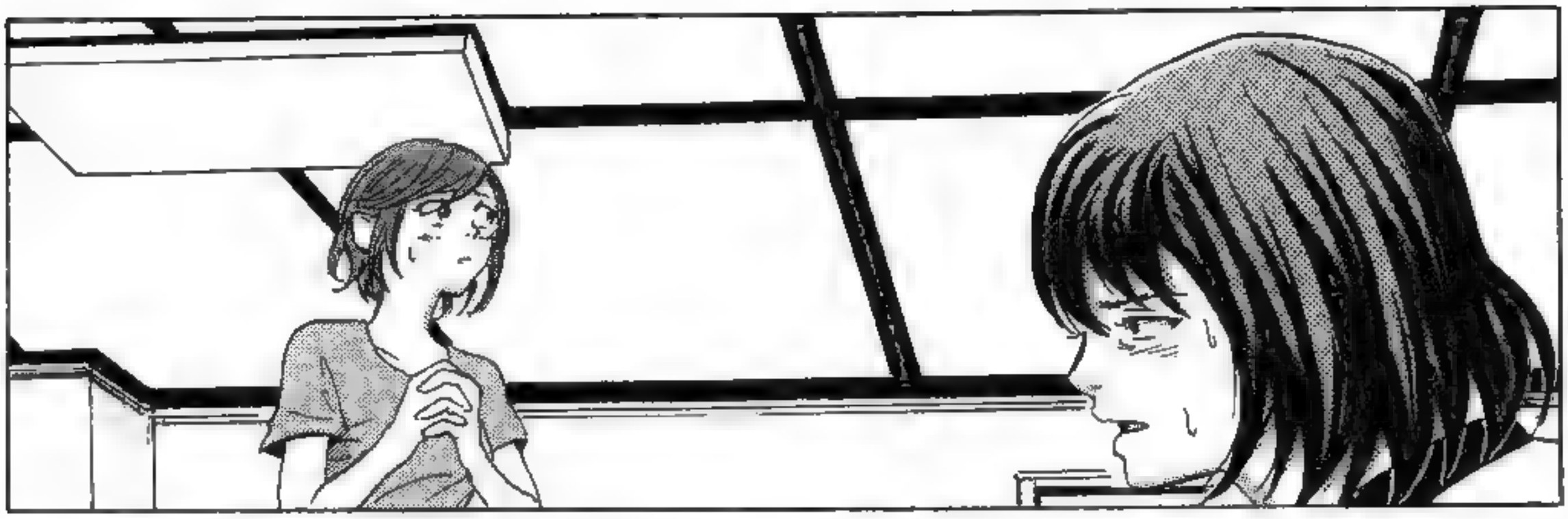
DASH

Yes ...!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

No...!



. . . .
How old are you? Are you high schoolers?
She's, like, a superhero!
It'll all be okay, Ibara's on the case!
Miku... Ahhh...

...to have such a dangerous job at such a young age.
It must be so hard...

Your parents must be worried sick...

Me an' Taeko are both 16, and freshmen.
Ibara's 18, a senior, and the *class representative!*
Yes! We're from a JGSDF technical school in Osaka!

Genetic... engineering ...?

...We don't have parents.

We were created through genetic engineering.

Have you ever heard of "Coppelia"?

It's a French ballet.

That's a foreign play, isn't it?

Oh!

*Dr. Coppelius* is a reclusive inventor. And on the second floor of his mansion...

...a girl with beautiful eyes, *Coppelia*, sits by the window with a book.

...is actually a *doll* the doctor made.

But Coppelia...

That's where our name comes from.

*We're living dolls...*

府中本町駅
Fuchu Honmachi Station

*Coppelion...*

TOKYO RACE COURSE

Tokyo Race Course.

Here it is...

SLIDE

!!

TMP

TMP

TMP

FWOOOM

Yes!

DASH

Hurry!

What the heck?!

Wh—

Start looking!

There's no time!

It's so... enormous ...

Heeey! Miku!

Come out, come out, wherever you are!

Where are you, Miku?!

Say some-thing!

②

?!

GATE

Miku—

What on earth could it be...?

Look at that white mound...

2

CLANG

Y-Yes!

Let's take a look!

Ibara...

HWOOOO

Oh, no...

It's...

R
I
P

R
I
P

I guess this was just the only sanitary thing they could do...

So this's the grave...

Hngh ...!

Ugh...

Hng...!

...here in Tokyo...

So many people passed on...

I-I'm sorry!

I feel... sick...

I don't see her anywhere.

Ibara, what about the girl?!

. . . .

GASP

Why is the reading so *high* here?

But...

This thing's use-less!

There's too much radiation here...

Yes...

It's one of the radioactive isotopes found in nuclear fallout. I believe it has a half-life of 29 years.

Do you remember what Strontium-90 is?

It acts like *calcium*.

It has one more special property.

It produces beta particles, not gamma particles, and the radiation doesn't go very far.

So radiation from Strontium-90 can be blocked by just a sheet of veneer or aluminum... What else...?

!!

GASP

Calcium ...?

Right...

Like in bones.

That's just what some scientists decided was a fact.

When Strontium-90 enters the body, it builds up in bones and teeth, like calcium.

So with this many bones... there must be a ton of beta particles here.

But just a single sheet of aluminum should block them...

But...

They said that Tokyo would never end up like Chernobyl...

...because the reactor design was completely different.

BOOOOM

And a *five-second earthquake* shattered that "fact."

GRA-ACKK

This just in... the earthquake has cracked the nuclear reactor's emergency core cooling system!

Oh, no! What a terrible sight!

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ROOOAARRR

Human knowledge isn't reliable.

Shinto Electric publicly insisted that this accident could never happen...

All we can trust in... is our own bodies.

In the atoms that make us up.

They'd get radiation poisoning... and die.

Right.

...if a normal human were exposed to this much radiation...!

So even with those special suits...

*We have to find Miku!*

#7.END

COPPELION
コッペリオン #8

When Strontium-90 enters the body, it builds up in bones and teeth, like calcium.

So even with those special suits... if a normal human were exposed to this much radiation...!

...there must be a ton of beta particles here.

So with this many bones...

*We have to find Miku!*

Right. They'd get radiation poisoning... and die.

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

Miku!

Where are you?!

CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
CHUKKA
RUMBLE
This job is bad enough as it is...
And now even the *weather's* got it out for us?
Crap ...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE...
Thunder?
*What?!*
We're on course for Fuchu now.
...I see. Keep looking into it.
Are you sure?
CLICK
Some-thing happen, VP?

BEEP

Yes.

Apparently... he's a *fugitive*.

BEEP

They got the back-ground check on Heiji Tanizaki.

The old man we lifted out of Tokyo?

Tani-zaki?

So he's a wanted man.

RMMM

I get it...

RMMM

They're looking into the details now.

He was an inmate at Fuchu Prison.

*Wh... a fugitive ?!*

I...

No wonder he stayed in Tokyo.

Uh...
I don't really—
I was arrested when I was 20...
An infant...
I killed my own baby...
...for murdering a child.
Huh ...?!
But I understand why I did it, now...
Post-natal depression... poverty... spousal abuse.
I made so many excuses at the time...

I really believed that.

I thought I could just make another when I wanted...

I thought of my baby as just a doll.

I thought ...

ゴ" RUB

RUB ゴ"

Haha ...

God made this hell for monstrous people like me.

This is my punishment ...

I want to keep her safe, by my own power...

Miku...

I know that.

I don't *deserve* to be a mother...

PLIP

PLIP

But...

...envious...

I'm kinda...

Maybe she'd... feel the same...

If *I* had a mother...

Aoi.

You're no doll!

Sorry... never mind...

I-I...

I'm sure of it...

*I need to use the bathroom!*

DASH

Your eyes are just too kind!

Please answer us!

Where are you?!

Miii-kuuu!

At this rate it'll run out of air...!

I'm worried about her oxygen tank!

Crap!

Is she really here?!

Say some-thin'!

Mikuuu!

Huh?

FLUSHHHHH

CLACK

I can't believe you even have a flush toilet—

Wow-zers!

CLICK

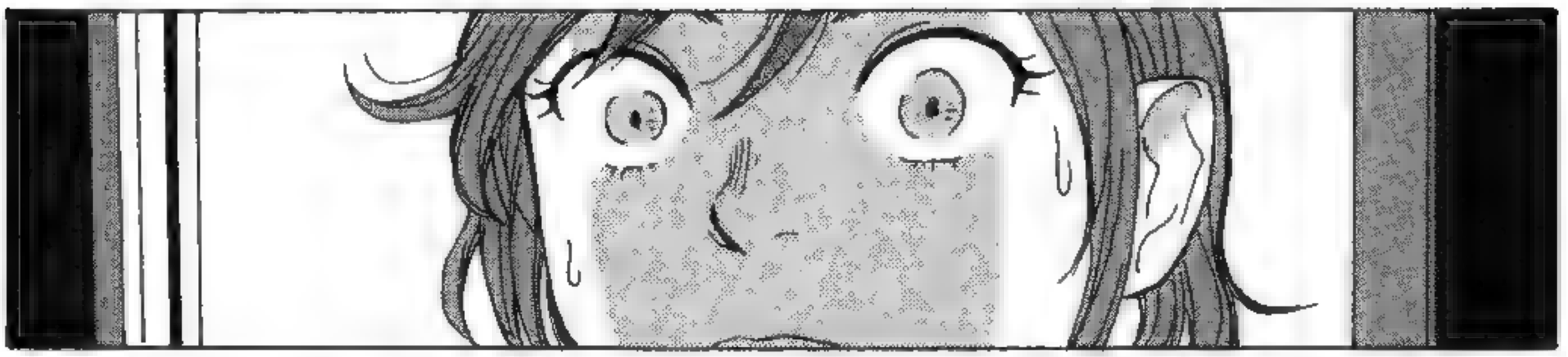
She's gone...

Where are you?

Ma'am?

Mrs. Kawabata?

KREEE



She's gone?!

I went to the bathroom, and, and she just disap-peared!

Mrs. Kawa-bata's gone!

I-Ibara!

FZZT

Aoi?! What's wrong?

PSSH

*She* was the one who said we should look here...

...she might have gone to look for Miku...

I think...

Wait a sec...

Maybe she...

Miku isn't actually her kid.

What are you suggesting?

Huh?

...my own baby... An infant...

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

*I killed...*

She—

You... you don't mean...

TMP
D'you see any clues?!
TMP
TMP
Aoi!
We're coming, just sit tight!
We don't know for sure yet!
TMP
TMP
TMP
I don't even know what to look for...!
HIC
I-I...
I can't believe she'd—
I... I can't believe it...
Mister !
TMP
SLURP

The *dad's* gone too?!

But...

*Mister ?!*

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

What the heck?!

*We need to go back to the hospital!*

*Get up, Taeko!*

Tell us!

Where did he go?!

?

We never ...

...actually *saw* the girl, did we?

They might have *tricked* us...

They...

There's a kid.

They didn't *want* to be evacuated, so they made it all up...

No...

How can we help them if we don't?!

We have to believe in them!

But...

Ibara! Wait!

DASH

When's the VP gonna get here?!

Geez!

Ahhh, what do I do?!

Aoi!

Wh-Wh-Wh-What do we do?!

HUFF

HUFF

Ibara!

TMP TMP TMP

But I have no clue where she went...

She can't have gone far yet!

We'll look for Yukiko!

HUFF
HUFF
!
It looks like it's in a ladies' size!
It's a boot for a hazmat suit!
Lookie!
7
7
I found some-thing!
Here, boy! Pick up the scent!
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
It's gotta be one of Yukiko's extras!

A dog's sense of smell is a million times more sensitive than a human's.

Like, can you follow a scent from just one shoe?

Will this really work?

It will work.

I bet...

SNIFF

SNIFF

...those two fought over sending out the SOS.

HWOOOOOOO

CLANG

She's not like that.

She's not...

...she changed...

I think...

Mitsuo wanted to leave, but Yukiko was against it. So she took Miku hostage...

SNIFF

After 20 long years living here, with all this radiation...

...I think she must've realized...

I can't believe she'd make the same mistake again.

...that life is a terrible, ***wonderful*** struggle.

...it doesn't make any difference!

If she's a criminal, if she's nuts...

*That's our duty as Coppelion!*

*We'll pull every last person who was left behind out of this hell...*

PLIP

PLIP

SHAAAAAA

...

Oh no!

We'll lose the scent!

Shit!

Rain ?!

01-RUMBLE

RUFF

00-RUMBLE

?!

...Wait, that's...

Mrs. Kawa-bata's in there?

*Is this the end of the trail?!*

*Hey ...*

SHAAA

SWIP

CRACKLE

HOTEL UTOPIA

*That leaning hotel!!*

#8 END

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その妻・雪子――。
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傾いたホテルの中で
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